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Consultants win leaders' backing for emergency work only

recommendation for "emergencies only" tion from next Monday was approved by ficial leaders of 11,000 hospital consultants night. They also agreed to prepare for the collection of resignations from The National Health Service over government plans to phase out private practice. The decisions have to be ratified by the BMA Council today.

Agreement on NHS resignations

John Roper
dical Reporter

Hospital consultants' official ders last night decided that ration of work to emergen- only must go ahead from Monday and that prepara- s should be made to collect ignations from the National alth Service. The consultants protesting against govern- t plans to separate private ctice from the health ser- The decisions by the Central mittee for Hospital Medi- Services, representing 11,000 sultants, were taken by 37 es to three, with one tention.

The decisions will have to be ified by the Council of the itish Medical Association day. But there seems little ubt that the council will pport those decisions and the dustrial action planned by nior doctors in the dispute er their contract.

The junior doctors' action, e to start tomorrow, will dly affect the hospital vice.

Mr Anthony Grabham, chair- n of the consultants commit- , said last night that in the cussion many consultants pressed concern about the fect of industrial action on ients. "We regret this, but felt that the issue is so portant that we must make a and", he said. "There must some action immediately to demonstrate the feeling of the profession."

The only solution they could see at the moment was for the issue to be referred to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

It will take some weeks to collect resignations. Then three months' notice has to be given to employing authorities, so March 1 next year would be about the earliest that resignations could become effective.

Asked what consultants would then do, Mr Grabham said there was not enough private practice to absorb everyone. Some would practise privately, some would go abroad, and some would have to find different employment. "I hope we shall not reach that point", he said.

At a meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday nearly a thousand consultants thought that resignation rather than industrial action should be the profession's answer to the Government's plans.

The meeting, at which there was standing room only, left no doubt about the doctors' deep and united opposition to the proposals made by Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services. With only one vote against and about a score of abstentions the meeting carried a motion affirming that "in its final confrontation with the Government mass resignation was ethically correct and morally justifiable".

The meeting was organized by the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association. Those on the platform included BMA senior and junior representatives, the chairman of the Junior Hospital Doctors' Association and Mr Derek Demerell, chairman of the Independent Hospital Group.

Mr Norman Simmons, president of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association, said the day was one of protest, not of strike. There was enthusiastic applause when he added: "We are protesting about the increasing government interference in our professional life, interference which has led to a phenomenal increase in administration and seeks to convert us into medical robots at the expense of our patients. What we desire is to be left alone."

The issue was not just about pay beds. The Government was attempting to prevent doctors from working for anyone other than the state. It was claiming, for example, that the state had a right to claim for itself scarce skills acquired at public expense. But the skill of men and women was their own to share with everyone, and the state had no exclusive rights.

Mrs Castle's consultative document about separating private practice from the health service was described as iniquitous by Dr Elinor Kapp, chairman of the Junior Hospital Doctors Association. The Government's proposals, if implemented, would have a damaging effect on the training of junior doctors, she said.

Several consultants thought it inadvisable to take industrial action. Mr R. J. Heald, a Basingstoke surgeon, reminded the meeting that consultants had tried industrial action last year and they knew it did not work.

"Red" alert: The health authority at Croydon yesterday put out a "red" alert on hospital beds (the Press Association reports). Hospitals in its area will take only emergencies. All patients who can go home early will do so.

The action is planned to ease the junior doctors' threat to provide only 40 hours-a-week emergency cover from tomorrow. "We are clearing as many beds as possible; we may not have doctors available to look after patients", Mr C. H. Langley, the area administrator, said last night.

Croydon area hospital waiting lists were getting longer. Patients wanting non-urgent treatment might have to wait for up to two years because of the doctors' dispute.

A transfer of patients began yesterday at a South Wales hospital that is closing most of its wards because of the junior doctors' dispute.

Patients are being taken from Merthyr General Hospital to St Tydfil's Hospital,



Lighting-up time at yesterday's consultants' meeting in Central Hall, Westminster.

Jobless total rises to post-war record

By Melvyn Westlake
Economics Staff

Unemployment in Britain continued to rise swiftly in October and early November, establishing a new post-war peak.

The employment picture also darkened in other respects last month, with more people remaining on the register beyond four weeks and the number of notified vacancies dropping to their lowest level since 1958, when such figures were first kept in their present form.

The jobless total showed a 36,500 increase on November 13, taking it to 1,079,300 after seasonal adjustment and excluding school leavers and adult students. On this measure the number of people without work represents 4.7 per cent of the labour force.

The latest increase in unemployment is broadly in line with that of other recent months, suggesting an average rate of increase of about 35,000 a month since the late summer. Although this is high by historical standards it is rather slower than the 60,000 a month increase seen between April and July.

Yet if the rate of increase

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Chancellor's belief that taxpayers can take no more is sweet music in Tory party ears

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

There were grim faces and rumblings of discontent on the Labour back benches in the Commons yesterday as Mr Healey made clear that he was convinced the nation could take no more increases in taxation.

"There is no doubt in my mind", the Chancellor said, on the last day of the debate on the Queen's Speech, "that the emphasis must be put on reduction of planned levels of expenditure since there is little scope for increasing taxation without unacceptable consequences in other directions".

Mr Healey also sent a message of hope to beleaguered ratepayers when he told MPs that local authorities were the main target for his programme of cash limits on expenditure. They would have limits placed on capital spending as well as the rate-support grant. Provided they stuck to their planned programmes there should be little average increase in the rate or the rate poundage over the country as a whole next spring.

Mr Healey's words were sweet music in the ears of the Conservatives and they growled approval as a sudden silence fell over the Government benches. Only a few moments earlier, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Tory spokesman on the economy, had been urging the Chancellor to "come clean on public expenditure". Substantial cuts were inescapable, he said.

To meet the criticism of his backbench colleagues, Mr Healey told the House that the Government was working on new measures to reduce unemployment. They included selective import controls for industries that would be viable when world recovery began. The Government was also discussing means of avoiding bottlenecks that might frustrate production in 1977, when rapidly increased output might be required.

But, whereas Sir Geoffrey wanted immediate cuts, the Chancellor insisted that they must wait until economic recovery got under way next year and in 1977 to mitigate the effect on employment. Britain must plan to reduce both the general government deficit and public sector borrowing.

Mr Healey warned Mr Norman Atkinson, one of his most persistent critics, that if that was not done a big increase in investment would be impossible.

The Chancellor said that if the Government tried to reduce public-sector borrowing by increasing taxes the main burden would fall on average and below-average earners. At a time when the fight against inflation must take priority it was difficult to increase indirect taxes because of the effect on the cost of living.

The Government must substantially reduce the planned level of public expenditure in the years when recovery was assured.

Although the Chancellor was optimistic that the recession was bottoming out he said unemployment was likely to grow for some months into 1976. It was not possible to reduce unemployment by general reflation, which would increase the balance of payments deficit and public-sector borrowing.

Mr Healey confirmed that his targets on inflation were likely to come true. The annual rate in the second half of the year would be between 12 and 16 per cent and it should drop steadily during 1976 to under 10 per cent.

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Rebels back down in Lisbon crisis

Lisbon, Nov 25.—Commandos loyal to Portugal's moderate centre-left Government tonight recaptured the Air Force headquarters in the Lisbon suburb of Monsanto which rebel paratroopers had seized earlier in the day.

Some reports said shooting was heard inside the building, but others said most of the paratroopers laid down their arms, came out with their hands above their heads, and embraced the commandos. A small group was reported to have escaped, but most were under arrest.

The commandos had surrounded the headquarters and given the occupying soldiers 15 minutes to surrender. Pro-Government jet-fighter aircraft flew over the city shortly before the ultimatum was due to expire.—Reuter, UPI, Agence France-Presse.

Michael Kuipe writes from Lisbon: The ultimatum at the Air Force headquarters came only hours after President Costa Gomes declared a state of emergency for the Lisbon area. Earlier in the day, the left-wing dissident forces had also seized three important air bases near the capital and taken over the national television service.

The emergency measures suspended rights of assembly and freedom of speech, and the President announced that he had taken direct command of all military units.

Three servicemen among those occupying the television station broadcast a claim that pro-Government commandos had been ordered by the Revolutionary Council to attack the radio and television stations. The dissidents called on the population to go to the broadcasting headquarters to defend them.

The day's dramatic developments began with an announcement by the Revolutionary Council after a 10-hour emergency meeting ended at 4 am. It confirmed its decision to appoint Captain (now Brigadier) Vasco Lourenço, a leading moderate, as commander of the Lisbon military region, in spite of warnings by left-wing units that they would not accept his authority.

The High Command of the armed forces described the insurrection as "an irresponsible adventure", and added threateningly that although force had so far been avoided it was hoped that the rebels would come to their senses before the situation grew worse.

During the day the President met the commanding officers of the Lisbon, central and southern military regions.

The commanding officer of the northern region issued a communiqué supporting President Costa Gomes.

The confirmation by the Revolutionary Council of Brigadier Vasco Lourenço's appointment was the first sign of Portugal's military leadership taking a firm stand against left-wing elements in the armed forces.

But the leftists on the council put up strong resistance during the 10-hour session and it is still uncertain how effective Brigadier Vasco Lourenço's command will be.

During the afternoon, life in Lisbon continued normally, despite the military activity. With blue-bereted paratroopers armed with automatic rifles on guard outside the Air Force high command building in Avenida de Liberdade, only a small crowd of curious shoppers gathered, and business continued as usual in the neighbouring Air France and Trans World Airlines offices.

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Frigates ordered into waters off Iceland

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Three British frigates were ordered into the waters off Iceland yesterday to protect British trawlers from harassment by Icelandic coastguard vessels. HMS Leopard, which arrived in the fishing grounds last night, will control operations and will be joined by two other frigates on Saturday.

The decision, announced yesterday in a joint statement by the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence, was a sudden one. It was taken after leaders of the fishing industry put to the Government their case that fishing under present conditions, with Icelandic coastguards cutting British trawls, was too risky to the lives of crews to continue.

The decision was none the less taken "regretfully and with reluctance", as Mr William Rodgers, Minister of State for Defence, told the Commons yesterday. The Government had hoped that such action could be avoided, but in the absence of any sign that the Iceland Government was willing to talk, "we had no alternative to providing the means whereby British trawlers could exercise their legitimate right to fish in international waters".

Mr Hattersley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said that a last minute attempt to persuade Iceland to resume negotiations, when the British Ambassador called on the Foreign Minister last Sunday, received only a "very dusty answer".

Mr Niels Sigurdsson, Iceland's Ambassador in London, immediately protested when informed of the decision to provide naval protection yesterday.

In Reykjavik, Mr Agustsson, the Foreign Minister, said: "It surprises me that the British are repeating their old mistakes. I thought they had learned their lesson in the 1972-73 cod war."

Mr Hattersley said last night that the frigates, which would operate with the civilian support vessels, would be able to give early warning of the movement of the Icelandic coastguard vessels, shadow the British trawlers and generally afford protection.

He was confident, he added, that the British fleet would catch "about as much fish as if we had come to a sensible arrangement, and perhaps a fraction more". But it would be a more expensive and more difficult process.

Britain has proposed an annual catch of 110,000 tons of cod, and signified a willingness to negotiate a lower figure, against a final offer from Iceland of 65,000 tons a year. Mr Hattersley added that he was willing to return to Reykjavik to continue negotiations at any time.

Thirty-six trawlers are at present off the east coast of Iceland, fishing in groups of three to five, and 15 more are on the way. HMS Leopard (2,300 tons) with a top speed of 24 knots, sailed from a comparatively close position off Norway.

Only seven trawlers left Icelandic waters after the skippers' so-called ultimatum to the Government earlier this week, and two of these had already made their catch.

Dr Luns, Secretary-General of Nato, in a statement in Brussels yesterday, called on Britain and Iceland to exercise moderation. The time had come for him to voice his concern and to express his hope that escalation could be avoided, he said.

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udge orders rrest f solicitor

Mr Harold Weston, a solicitor o failed to appear at the ntral Criminal Court yester- to represent a defendant, arrested later on the orders the judge.

udge Lawson, QC, issued a ch warrant for the arrest Mr. Weston, of Westbourne ve, Paddington, when a man rged with sex offences eared in court for the third e without representation.

he defendant in the case is rged with having unlawful rcourse with a girl of 14 indecently assaulting her.

udge Lawson ordered Mr ston to stand in front of the k and told him: "The case listed for last Thursday. r client appeared, but you not, nor did counsel.

Up to that time your client paid you the sum of £400. nsel was not instructed and did not even have the rtesy to appear to say you e not ready to go on.

You were personally ered to attend on Monday, you did not appear. I ered you to attend this ning for an explanation of r conduct, and once again did not appear.

Ir Weston said he had no ntion of being in contempt of showing discourtesy to ge Lawson. He asked for matter to be adjourned for east a week so that he could represented by a leading nsel.

ranting an adjournment for hours, Judge Lawson said: ou should be represented. should consider why you sonally should not pay the s of the prosecution and esses of the Crown on rsday last week and Monday week and this morning; that in mind.

There is also the question he £1,100. It seems to me e a matter which perhaps r the case is over needs e investigated by the body h governs your members, Law Society."

Chrysler chief arriving today after Wilson call

Mr John Riccardo, chairman of Chrysler Corporation, is flying to London today in answer to an urgent summons from the Prime Minister. Mr Wilson told the Commons yesterday that although negotiations to save any part of the company's United Kingdom subsidiary had a very long way to go, the Government was striving to save the whole operation. He added that Mr Riccardo's presence in Britain today to hear the Government's views was "imperative". Page 23

Firework control

The Government proposes to introduce more effective controls on the sale of fireworks, and maximum penalties for offences are to be increased. It will be an offence to sell to anyone under the age of 16 and fireworks will be available in shops for only three weeks before November 5 and a few days afterwards. Flyabout fireworks are to be banned. Page 2

Afrikaner found guilty

Mr Breyten Breytenbach, the Afrikaans poet and writer, apologized for the "stupid things" he had done after being found guilty in Pretoria of "terrorist acts" against the South African Government. He is expected to be sentenced today Page 7

Warning on Angola

Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, has warned the Soviet Union not to strain detente by its military intervention in Angola. During a speech in Detroit, he also spoke up for the continuation of vigorous American intelligence operations Page 7

Czech freedom call

The Czechoslovak Federal Assembly has been urged by three pre-1968 MPs to seek the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the country. In an open letter they said that the agreement on the stationing of Soviet forces, concluded under the menace of heavily armed troops, was invalid Page 6

No-jury move for drink drivers

Defendants charged with drink and driving offences and people accused of trivial thefts and shoplifting should no longer have the right of choosing trial by jury, it is proposed in a report of a committee under Lord Justice James, published yesterday

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, said that before reaching conclusions he and the Lord Chancellor wished to assess the response to the proposals of those concerned with administering justice. He was consulting representative organizations Report, page 3

Beirut plea for peace

Half Lebanon's deputies braved heavy street fighting yesterday to hear Mr Karami, the Prime Minister, appeal for help from all sides in ending the bloodshed. Last night the situation was getting worse as more armed men took to the streets. During the day at least 15 people were killed and 60 wounded Page 7

Communist wins

Mr Kenneth Brett, a communist, has retained his post as an assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, narrowly defeating a moderate challenger in a postal ballot Page 2

Devolution Bill

Mr Wilson told MPs that he hoped progress would be made in this parliamentary session on the devolution Bill. He said he did not believe the Scottish people or the Labour Party there wanted the matter rushed Page 2

Bach discovery on TV

Twelve unpublished canons by Johann Sebastian Bach are soon to be heard on television, it was announced in Paris yesterday. The manuscript, dating from the mid-1740s, was discovered among old papers that had belonged to a Paris church organist Page 18

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Amnesty is prepared in Spain

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Nov 25

The Spanish Government was today studying the text of a decree that would pardon some political prisoners. King Juan Carlos I was expected to announce it to celebrate the beginning of his reign.

The king has the prerogative of proclaiming either an amnesty or a pardon for political "crimes". According to reliable sources, who think a pardon more likely than an amnesty, political prisoners who have not committed acts of violence would be released.

An amnesty would wipe the slate clean for political offenders. A pardon would mean merely that the crime had been forgiven, but not forgotten.

Such well-known opposition figures as Señor Marcelino Camacho, leader of the illegal trade union organization known as the Workers' Commissions, might be released.

There has been only one amnesty since the Civil War. In September, 1939, General Franco granted one, but only for his Nationalist forces.

Offer to save Grand National

Ladbroke's, the bookmakers, have made an offer of £125,000 to save next year's Grand National, it was disclosed yesterday. Mr Cyril Stein, the company's chairman, announced that if the Walton Group, the present owner of the racecourse, accepts the offer, Ladbrokes will consider buying the course itself.

Through their subsidiary, Lingfield Park Racecourse, Ladbroke's offer to guarantee a minimum of £125,000 to Mr William Davies, chairman of the Walton Group, to manage the race.

The offer covers the next five years. Ladbroke's have indicated their interest in buying during that time.

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HOME NEWS

Stronger controls on sale of fireworks and stiffer penalties

By John Groser
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Stringent and more effective controls on the sale of fireworks are to be introduced by the Government. Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, told the House of Commons yesterday that after considering views submitted to him in response to a consultative document on firework safety published last April he proposed seven specific measures to strengthen controls.

He explained later that the Government had decided not to ban the sale of fireworks because people might be encouraged to make their own.

He had two options: a licensed system of displays and an arrangement that would increase safety and attempt to retain the spirit of November 5. After consulting consumer bodies, manufacturers and retailers, the police and fire officers he decided on the latter.

Legislation will be required for two of the proposals: that the apparent age of persons to whom fireworks may be sold should be raised from 13 to 16; and maximum penalties for selling fireworks to children below the specified age, and for throwing or discharging fireworks in the street should be increased from £20 to £200.

The other five proposals, Mr Williams said, would be achieved by voluntary agreement with the manufacturers and with the retailers' and wholesalers' associations, which had offered their full cooperation. They are as follows:

Fireworks should be available in the shops for only three weeks before November 5 and a few days thereafter.

The statutory maximum is to be removed from the fee for registering premises where fireworks may be kept, and local authorities will be empowered to fix the charge in their own areas.

Flyabout or helicopter-type fireworks are to be banned. Such fireworks have been shown to be five or six times more dangerous than any other type.

The production of "bangers", the most frequently misused fireworks, is to be progressively reduced over the next two years to a half of this year's output. There will be more than 20 million fewer banger-type fireworks by the end of the two-year period. Within the next two years all fireworks other than those bangers (still in limited production) and sparklers, and larger individual display firework devices, are to be distributed in boxed selections only. That will mean effectively that children with small sums of pocket money will be unable to buy single fireworks. It is thought that boxing in fairly expensive amounts will greatly reduce the incidence of accidents.

Mr Williams said that one of his main anxieties was pressure on government business time in the coming session. If any MP who happened to be lucky in the forthcoming ballot for private members' Bills should seek to bring forward a measure for fireworks safety along the lines the Government had outlined, he would receive full government support.

He added that while there were 1,200 accidents last year that was a considerable reduction on the 2,400 in 1968. More accidents occurred in the weeks preceding Guy Fawkes Day than on November 5 itself.

While the reduction in the number of fireworks on sale would be considerable, he did not believe it would have a serious effect on the firework industry. Had he banned private sales and chosen the licensed system of displays that some people advocated, that might have affected 2,500 or 3,000 jobs in the industry.

Communist narrowly reelected in AUEW poll

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

The apparent march of moderate candidates within the powerful Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers was halted yesterday when Mr Kenneth Brett, a communist, retained his position as an assistant general secretary against a strong moderate challenger.

In a postal ballot Mr Brett polled 142,759 votes against Mr James Docherty, his moderate opponent, who polled 142,698 votes.

Mr Brett, aged 53, who opposes the £6-pay-limit guidelines, attracted more votes than any other communist candidate in an AUEW election. His re-election gives him another five years in the post he has occupied since 1968.

He said: "My success is a repudiation of the scurrilous press campaign that has been conducted against the Communist Party members and the left-wing candidates."

His success is certainly a warning note to union members who thought that the introduction of postal balloting heralded an automatic victory for moderate candidates.

An announcement of the result was delayed after Mr John Boyd, the returning officer had recommended a recount because of the wafer thin difference between the votes cast.

In the first count, Mr Brett polled 142,733 votes against the 142,724 for Mr Docherty.

Mr Brett's success punctures the optimism of the moderates within the union who considered that the defeat last week of two prominent left-wingers in union elections meant a general move towards their point of view.

Voting was as follows:
1st count: Mr Kenneth Brett (Comm) 142,733; Mr James Docherty (Mod) 142,724.
2nd count: Mr Brett, 142,759; Mr Docherty, 142,698.



Demonstrators who occupied part of the TUC headquarters at Great Russell Street, London, yesterday, protesting to passers-by about the organization's policy on unemployment and on the jailed picket.

Psychopath gets 'life' for offences on boys

From Our Correspondent
Oxford

Ian Jack Dunlop, aged 39, a psychopath who admitted 13 charges involving young boys, was jailed at Oxford Crown Court for life yesterday. He was freed two and a half years ago from Broadmoor, where he had spent nine years for 34 similar offences.

Mr Justice Jones told him: "There remains in you a substantial degree of mental responsibility for the evil acts you performed. I shall do all I can to see that never again shall another child be at any time from you".

The sentence was meant to indicate "that you should go to prison for as long a period as is necessary to bring you to the point where age and failing faculties will mean you may then perhaps be released; not a day sooner than that".

Nigel Christian Bankhead, aged 33, a company director, of Romford Street, Whitechapel, London, said to have met Mr Dunlop in Broadmoor, was jailed for five years. He had admitted two charges against a man of 18 who was said to be a male prostitute, and two against a boy of 14.

The court was told that between May 31 and July 7 Mr Dunlop committed offences against four boys aged nine, 11, 13 and 14 in Dorset, Oxfordshire, Lancashire and Norfolk. They included abduction, wounding, assaults and acts of gross indecency.

Mr Douglas Draycott, QC, for the defence, said Mr Dunlop had lived in institutions for 36 of his 39 years. When 28, he was sent to Broadmoor with a restriction order for 15 years after admitting 17 offences against boys, including child-stealing and asking for 17 more to be taken into consideration, all committed while he was organizer of a boys' gymnasium in Essex.

He was transferred to an open hospital at Cholsey, Berkshire, in May, 1973, and was still a patient when the offences were committed. Mr Dunlop had behaved in a way characteristic of a psychopath with perverted sexual desires, counsel added, and said: "It was rather like letting a mad dog loose and expecting it not to bite".

Circulation of devolution document queried

By Our Political Editor

Mr Wilson told the Commons yesterday that he hoped it would be possible in the present parliamentary session to make some progress with the devolution Bill to set up assemblies in Scotland and Wales, but added: "I cannot be certain." It depended on the House as to what progress was made.

He continued: "But we certainly intend at the very beginning of the next session (that is, November next year) to introduce the Bill and see it into law."

Under questioning, he said that he did not believe that the people of Scotland or the Labour Party there wanted to see the matter rushed without proper consultation with them, so that they could express a view on a very complicated White Paper; nor that Scots and Welsh wanted to deny the right of the English to form an opinion. The Government hoped that, with the good will of the House, the Bill would become law in the 1976-77 session.

Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Opposition, who leads on devolution questions, agreed with Mr Wilson that there should be a great national debate. He asked that two tests should be applied. First, would the Government's proposals ensure the unity of the United Kingdom or lead to its fragmentation? Secondly, would they lead to more efficient government for all parts of the United Kingdom?

Mr Wilson answered that "this is an important subject and must be fully examined". The unity of the United Kingdom was "the whole essence and inspiration of the White Paper". On the question of whether the proposals provided effective and efficient organization in the interests of all the people who were governed within the British Isles, it would be for the House to decide whether it was satisfied when it saw the White Paper.

The Prime Minister added: "I hope they are. It is based on the unity of our country, with maximum possible devolution of control over their own affairs of Scotland and Wales."

Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, protested that reporters in the Westminster lobby yesterday received copies of the devolution White Paper, although MPs would not receive them until tomorrow night.

Mr Wilson showed his sympathy. He said he would inquire into it; it was "a serious question". Confidential early revises to the Westminster lobby had been in force for many years under all governments, and "I myself have been critical of it".

He knew there was concern in the House, "not least because these revises find their way into the hands of some members (of the Commons) and not others".

The system of confidential early revise copies of government documents for the lobby developed so that newspapers and later broadcasting organizations could prepare their reports before the official publication time.

Mr Wilson and his press advisers have succeeded in virtually destroying the old lobby system, which was certainly not beyond criticism, and therefore the devolution White Paper, like nearly all other government documents nowadays, was given uncontrolled distribution to the lobby yesterday.

Eighty copies sent to the lobby at Westminster yesterday morning fell into only a few hands, with neither government nor lobby control, and many newspapers had no copy. The Prime Minister's inquiry should establish that if the lobby is to be by-passed or treated as of no account, the Government must accept full responsibility for document distribution. Mr Wilson and his press advisers cannot expect to have it both ways.

"Extremism pays off", Mr David Steel, the Liberal MP, described as the moral of the handling of devolution when he addressed members of the Conservative Bow Group at the House of Commons last night. "Calm and moderate argument is a failure", he added.

He asked if the setting up of the Royal Commission on the Constitution was an elaborate hoax and no more. Did no one in London take its 1973 report seriously? Did London act only when threatened by Scottish secession through the rise of the Scottish National Party? Was the introduction of several devolution Bills in recent years by Liberal MPs a waste of time?

The answer was "Yes". He continued: "This weekend in Scotland I encountered sane and rational people, members of no party, who said that, much as they despised the selfish appeal of SNP, regarded some of their candidates as mediocre, and disagreed with their policy of total independence, they were driven to support SNP because "the threat of the break-up of the United Kingdom was the only thing which spurred government into action".

Such, Mr Steel said, was the state of fury to which Scotland had been driven by the failure of the London establishment to accept the long overdue demand for rational self-government.

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Murder rouses new Protestant anger

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Mounting "loyalist" anger at the Government's security policy increased yesterday with the murder of another Protestant member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, the sixth in Northern Ireland this year.

The murder occurred shortly after dark outside the man's home in the Fountain Estate in Londonderry. At the time the man, described as a part-time member of the UDR's 5th battalion, was off duty and was hit several times.

The killing was believed to be the work of the Provisional IRA, which earlier in the day had maintained the tempo of the recent upsurge in its campaign of violence with a proxy bomb attack on an army checkpoint on the Londonderry-Donegal border.

A lorry hijacked in Ulster was driven across into the republic by gunmen and loaded with 250lb of explosive. The driver was then forced to take it back to the military checkpoint, where it exploded 30 minutes later.

Although the bomb did not cause any casualties it severely damaged the checkpoint buildings and a grocery shop opposite. The same army post was the target of a similar attack two weeks ago, but then the bomb was defused.

For the first time in more than three weeks sectarian murder returned to Northern Ireland with the discovery yesterday morning of the grotesquely mutilated body of a Roman Catholic in an alley off the staunchly Protestant Shankill Road.

A detective described the killing as one of the most brutal yet witnessed in the province. "The man had been virtually decapitated with some kind of cutting instrument which we have not yet identified", he said.

The dead man was later identified as Mr Francis Crossan, aged 34, whose brother was murdered in the same area of Belfast two years ago when he was shot at the wheel of his bus. Mr Francis Crossan was married with two children.

The police fear that Mr Crossan's death might be the signal for the beginning of another round of random sectarian killing in Belfast. One reason for the recent lull in sectarian warfare is thought to have been the recent feud between the two wings of the IRA, now halted by a local truce.

South Armagh battle, page 16

Cost-effective assemblies foreseen

From a Staff Reporter
Cardiff

Plaid Cymru yesterday criticized opponents of devolution who maintain that assemblies in Wales and Scotland would be too expensive.

Mr Dafydd Thomas, MP for Merioneth, said: "The assemblies will spend public money more efficiently than Westminster and will lighten Westminster's burden. They will be highly cost-effective.

"The assemblies will get on with the job of creating jobs and homes for the people and will cut out the waste and the overlapping of London government. Far from being too costly, they will be an investment in better management."

He said that although it seemed likely that less power would be devolved to Wales than to Scotland, the people of Wales would see that once the assembly began to tackle matters in Wales it would need law-making powers. The people would then demand those powers. "What is really important is not what the assembly is when it starts, but what it will become."

The block grant of government money to the Welsh assembly should be geared to a formula and not be the subject of "an annual haggle". If it were not based on a formula, it would be unacceptable, he said. There might be a time when, for example, a Conservative government might cut a block grant because it did not like the political colour of the Welsh assembly.

"The Treasury will be against a formula for the grant because it wants to negotiate every penny. But if it is not based on a formula the assembly's freedom of action will be undermined."

Warders told not to take industrial action

By a Staff Reporter

The executive committee of the Prison Officers' Association yesterday instructed all its branches in London prisons, remand centres and borstals not to take industrial action in a dispute over a London weighting allowance.

The committee met after a series of unofficial actions by prison officers which, in some cases, has prevented remand prisoners from being allowed out to appear in court. Yesterday officers at Wandsworth were reported to have followed a "Sunday routine", which meant there were no workshops or classes available for prisoners.

Mr Kenneth Daniel, general secretary of the association, said that any local action had not been instigated by the executive committee. The matter had already been to arbitration, but was complex.

It is understood that the prison officers are claiming that a £180 London weighting allowance granted 18 months ago has still not been paid.

The Home Office confirmed that officers at several prisons and remand centres had been involved in unofficial action.

Newspapers are too cheap, printers' leader says

A call for newspaper prices to be more realistically related to production costs came yesterday from Mr William Keys, general secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades.

He said in *Sogat Journal*, the magazine of his union, that in recent times newspapers had had to accept the unpalatable fact that cover prices had to be raised.

"But even now the price of newspapers in this country when compared with many other European and North American countries is very low."

Mr Keys said reliance upon advertising had been a contributory factor in the closure of newspapers in the past. When the nation was facing economic trouble there was a withdrawal by advertisers, which affected the press.

His members would not take a "Luddite" attitude to new techniques. "But it must be made perfectly clear that this places obligations upon employers also.

"We must be prepared to accept change but that change must be allowed to come about only after consultation and agreement between the employers and unions.

"The employers must be made to recognize the social and moral consequences of the unions accepting fundamental changes. No worker is going to accept changes if the net result is that he or she is going to be placed in the dole queue. Provision must be made to deal with surplus labour on a humane basis, and this is not by sacking."

Film institute hoping for £157,000 from last year

By Our Arts Reporter

The British Film Institute is still solvent and is hoping that the Government will again grant it £157,000 allocated but not spent in the last financial year. Members of the institute were told that in reply to questions at the annual meeting in London last night.

The Government has so far withheld the unspent money. Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, chairman of the institute, said the Government had applied a screw "with which we are not unfamiliar in other places". A similar situation had arisen in the past but the amount was not so large.

All kinds of legal obligations were incurred in a given year. "You get certain commitments carried over, and, from the point of view of government accounting, if you have not spent the money in connexion with an actual need at a given moment it is unspent money. That is why we hope to get a revote in order to get the money back into the kitty."

A member of the institute's company of accountants said the figure in question was accounted for by a thousand and one items relating to individual orders. "We are still solvent but we have orders still to be paid for." In previous years the institute had been allowed a cash carry-over; this year it had not, because of the economic situation.

Officials denied in reply to questions that there had been a severe deterioration in the institute's finances.

Attack on dock scheme by Opposition backbench

By Our Political Editor

The Opposition parties' best chance of combining to defeat the Government in any legislation to be brought forward this session is generally taken to be the Bill to extend the dock labour scheme to all seagoing cargoes. Last night at the House of Commons the Conservative 1922 Committee began to prepare the way by meeting the executive committee of the National Cold Storage Federation.

It was agreed at a crowded meeting of backbenchers that the Government's proposals affecting cold stores should be strongly resisted because they would endanger the nation's food supplies, reduce productivity and increase the cost of food to the housewife.

The 13 Liberal MPs are already committed to opposing the government Bill "to ensure comprehensive employment safeguards for dock workers" (as the Queen's Speech puts it), and it is confidently expected that the other minority parties in the Commons will be willing to make common cause.

Now that the Government's majority has effectively disappeared in the full House any determined coalition of Opposition parties and groups would put legislation at risk.

The Government's proposals for legislation were outlined in a consultative document in March.

Guardsman is jailed for bank robbery

A young Scots Guardsman who was said to have been talked into holding up a bank to get funds for the IRA was jailed at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday for nine years.

John Joseph Boyle, aged 21, pleaded guilty to robbing the Royal Bank of Scotland in Argyle Street, Glasgow, presenting a gun at a woman teller and robbing her of £2,465, on October 6 this year.

Welfare service 'being crippled by cuts'

By Penny Symon

Community Development Project workers, who are almost entirely financed by the Home Office, yesterday accused the Government of crippling the welfare state by its economic strategy.

They said in London that it was ironic that such workers, backed by Home Office money, should be criticizing the Government's economic strategy, but the nature of their work meant that they were in a position to see where cuts in public spending were causing distress.

"We question the Government's logic and reject its determination to make cuts in the welfare state its first priority", Miss Kathy Henderson, one of the authors of a special report on the welfare cuts, said. The report, published yesterday, says that the cuts would eventually be very much greater than has so far been admitted officially.

"The Community Development Project was set up by the Government in 1969 as part of its urban programme, and its aim was to find new ways of meeting the needs of people living in areas of high social deprivation. Therefore people working in those areas are able to see how much distress is being caused by the Government's policy, and how wrong it is to create the impression that cuts were essential for the well being of the nation."

The Home Office meets the entire cost of the research teams from universities attached to the projects, and three quarters of the budget of the action teams, the rest being provided by local authorities.

The report, produced in conjunction with Counter Information Services, says the welfare services "will be sacrificial lambs in the fight to halt inflation, and revive British industry's profits. The £12,000m public deficit is widely condemned, but about half of it is paid out to private finance in interest charges on existing loans, and the charges are rising. The Government is helping private capital under its programme for the 'regeneration' of industry, and it has reduced company taxation, and so increased the deficit by £1,300m."

Many areas of public spending that were important to private capital would not be greatly cut, "and these include direct aid to industry, currently at £2,000m".

As the National Health Service declines, it says, private insurers, medical services, staff agencies and multinational drug companies will reap the benefits. As local authorities find themselves increasingly laden

As funds dwindled for the education services, the system would be able to meet only its basic function of training people for the needs of industry.

Each of the 12 community development projects was given a five-year life span, and two have completed their work. The last are scheduled to finish late in 1977, but there is some doubt whether all the projects will be allowed to run their full course, in the light of the present economic situation. The Home Office, CDP workers say, has indicated to local authorities that if they do not continue to supply their quarter of the cost the Home Office might withdraw its support as well.

Tomorrow Cumbria County Council is to discuss a recommendation from its policy and resources committee that the Cleator Moor project should be terminated next March.

More state aid sought for community job projects

By Richard Allen

The Manpower Services Commission is to ask for a further government grant to continue its highly successful programme of creating jobs.

The original aim of the scheme, which was launched last month with a government allocation of £30m, was to provide jobs for 15,000 people through sponsored projects that benefit the community.

However, at yesterday's meeting of the commission, Mr Dewi Rees, the director of the scheme, reported that if projects continued to be submitted at the present rate the number of jobs created would be about 27,000 and the £30m would have been committed in six months, as against the 18 months originally envisaged.

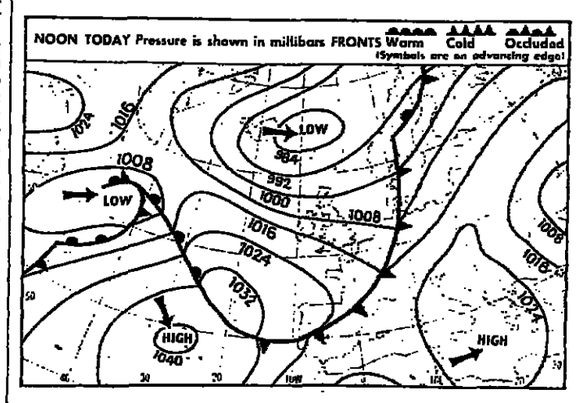
Under the scheme, the commission foots the wages bill while sponsors such as local authorities, voluntary organizations and community groups provide the materials and most of the overheads.

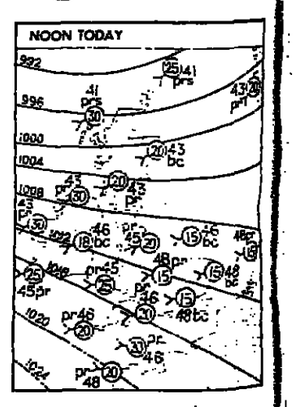
Among the job-creation projects already approved by the commission are the training of young people as rangers to do conservation work in national parks, the building of "hides" and reclamation of lakes for the Wildfowl Trust, and work on route information for a fire brigade.

The commission is to suggest to Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, that more money should be made available to expand the scheme.

So far 621 projects have been submitted, largely by local authorities. They would supply work for 8,000 people at a cost of about £10.7m. So far 113 have been approved, involving 2,100 new jobs at a cost of £2.1m.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.36 am Sun sets: 4.0 pm
Moon sets: 12.28 pm Moon rises: 12.23 am tomorrow
Last Quarter: 6.52 am.
Lighting up: 4.30 pm to 7.7 am.
High water: London Bridge, 6.9 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 6.55 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft). Avonmouth, 12.2 pm, 11.2m (36.6ft). Dover, 3.36 am, 6.0m (19.7ft); 4.17 pm, 5.8m (19.0ft). Hull, 11.12 am, 6.2m (20.4ft): 11.18 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Liverpool, 4.3 am, 8.0m (26.1ft); 4.23 pm, 8.2m (26.9ft).

A depression just E of Iceland will move slowly E, while pressure remains high to the SW of the British Isles.

Area forecasts:

London, East Anglia, SE, E, Central S and N England, Midlands: Scattered showers, bright periods; wind W, moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Occasional showers, bright periods; wind W, fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

N Wales, NW England: Occasional showers, perhaps heavy, snow on hills; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Occasional showers, perhaps heavy, snow on hills; wind W, strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Scattered showers; bright intervals; wind W, fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Occasional showers, some heavy, snow on hills; wind W, strong; max temp 6°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Showers or longer periods of rain, with bright periods; windy; temp near normal.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 12°C (54°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 90 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, .08. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm 1,010.4 millibars, falling, 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

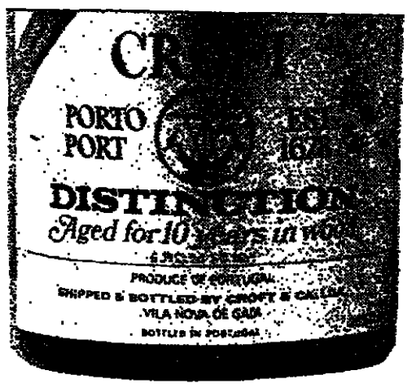
WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Athens	s	11	52	Edinburgh	c	9	48	Luxembrg	r	5	41
Barcelona	c	14	57	Florence	s	4	39	Madrid	r	9	48
Beirut	c	18	64	Funchal	s	18	64	Majorca	c	17	63
Belfast	c	11	52	Geneva	s	2	36	Malaga	r	17	63
Berlin	r	1	34	Gibraltar	r	10	50	Malta	c	17	63
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HOME NEWS

End of trial by jury proposed in drink-and-driving cases and for minor theft and shoplifting offences

By Marcel Berlins

People charged with drinking-and-driving offences, or with theft involving a small amount should no longer have the right to choose to be tried by a jury, a report published yesterday proposes.

An interdepartmental committee, under the chairmanship of Lord Justice James, also recommends that the maximum penalties for some offences should be reduced. The committee was appointed in 1973 to look into the distribution of criminal business between the Crown Court and the magistrates' courts.

The report describes the rules of allocation of cases between the lower and higher courts as "complicated, confusing and anomalous". It makes many recommendations designed to simplify the system and make it readily understandable by all.

The key proposal is that there should be only three main categories of offences: those triable summarily; an intermediate range giving the defendant the right to choose summary or jury trial, and offences triable only on indictment in the Crown Court.

The committee proposes that theft (including shoplifting) and related offences of dishonesty where the value of the goods or money stolen is under £20 should be a summary offence, carrying no right of trial by jury. At present a defendant can choose jury trial for any such offence.

The committee rejects the argument that conviction on even a trivial theft charge can carry with it considerable social stigma, and even loss of livelihood, and therefore that the defendant should have the right to a jury trial. It says:

Society has to choose between two conflicting aims. On the one hand is the existing right of the citizen to be tried by a judge and jury on any charge of theft or criminal damage, however small the amount involved. On the other is the right, especially important to anyone defending a serious charge, to be tried as soon as possible. At present defendants on serious charges are suffering the injustice of long-delayed trial, while the time of the Crown Court is partly occupied with minor cases of low monetary value.

The balance could not be redressed in favour of quicker trial of serious charges without some loss of the existing choice for defendants against lesser ones.

The committee also proposes that cases of criminal damage involving less than £100 should be triable only summarily.

The maximum sentence for small thefts and minor criminal damage should be lowered to three months' imprisonment and/or a fine of £400. At present magistrates can pass a six-month sentence for those offences.

The report calls for a reallocation and, in some cases, a redefinition, of motoring offences.

All drinking-and-driving offences should be dealt with summarily, it proposes. The maximum penalties should be six months' imprisonment and/or a fine of £400. That compares with the existing maximum of two years' imprisonment on indictment. Offences of failing to supply a sample of blood or urine would carry a maximum penalty of three months' imprisonment and or a £200 fine.

The offence of causing death by dangerous driving should be abolished; there should instead be a new offence of "reckless driving", which would aply to the worst cases of bad driving, whether or not they caused death. It should be an intermediate offence, giving the defendant the right to trial by jury.

The existing offences of dangerous driving, driving without due care, and driving inconsiderately, should be replaced by a single composite summary offence punishable with a fine and disqualification, but not with imprisonment.

If, however, motoring offences were not to be redefined as suggested, the committee proposes that causing death by dangerous driving, and reckless and dangerous driving, should be in the intermediate category.

Other offences that the committee believes should be tried only summarily, where at present a choice is available, include using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, under the Public Order Act, 1936, and homosexual soliciting.

The report proposes that some offences now triable only on indictment should be placed in the intermediate category. Among them are: bigamy, unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl aged between 13 and 16, burglary, where entry is effected by force or deception, forgery, perjury (except in judicial proceedings) and some, mainly obscure, offences under the Offences against the Person Act, 1861.

Some offences that at present do not give the defendant the right to choose trial by jury should be upgraded into the intermediate category which gives him that right. The report lists assaults against the police and possession of an offensive weapon among them.

The offences of publishing an obscene article for gain and sending indecent or obscene material through the post, under the Post Office Act, 1953, should also become intermediate.

"It seems to us especially desirable that a person charged with an offence involving an obscene or indecent publication should have a right to have the matter decided by a jury, which can better reflect contemporary public attitudes towards obscenity and indecency than can a stipendiary or a bench of lay justices".

The committee takes the view that all intermediate offences should on summary conviction carry a maximum sentence of six months' imprisonment and a standard maximum fine of £1,000. The Home Secretary should have the power to increase by order the standard maximum fines, both for intermediate and summary offences, so that they can keep pace with inflation, but not for any other reason.

The committee estimates that its recommendations, if implemented, would have the effect of transferring a tenth of the Crown Court's workload to the magistrates' courts. Money would be saved because trial on indictment is at least three times as expensive as a summary trial for a case of similar gravity.

Additional resources should be made available to enable the magistrates' courts to cope with the additional burden.

Other recommendations of the James committee are aimed at improving the existing procedures for summary trials. There should be a greater measure of advance disclosure of the prosecution case to the defence, it says. It continues: "It is, in our view, most desirable in the interests of justice that defendants should be fully acquainted with the case against them as far as it is practicable to achieve this."

A person charged with an offence in the intermediate category should have a statutory right to receive, on request, copies of the written statements of the witnesses on whose evidence the prosecution proposes to rely. If there are no written statements or a magistrate directs that in the interests of justice (to prevent intimidation of witnesses, for instance) they should not be served, the defendant should be given a summary of the facts on which the prosecution relies.

When a defendant is being committed for trial on the written statements, without evidence being heard, the defence and prosecution counsel should be required to sign a certificate saying they have examined the statements and are satisfied that the case is suitable for committal to a higher court.

The Distribution of Criminal Business between the Crown Court and Magistrates' Court. Report of the Interdepartmental Committee (Command 6323, Stationery Office, £2).

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MPs rebuke Mr Wilson on 'council watchdogs'

By Our Political Staff

A group of 29 Labour MPs have put down an early-day motion at the House of Commons which implicitly rebukes the Prime Minister for his suggestion last week that local councils might have special finance watchdog committees, made up of representatives of local interest groups.

The MPs, from both the left and right wings of the Labour Party, suggested that "democratically elected local councillors and not self-appointed pressure groups should be responsible for determining the spending priorities of local authorities". They added caustically that "bodies which purport to represent the views of local ratepayers should put their support to the test through the ballot box in the normal way".

Mr Wilson had suggested, at the joint local government conference at Eastbourne, examining the idea of a finance consultative committee composed of representatives from ratepayers and welfare groups, community associations and people with special interests and skills. He believed such committees could be the start of "a new partnership between electors and elected".

Pigs die in fire

A thousand piglets died in a fire which swept through piggeries at Hill Farm, Toft Monks, Norfolk, yesterday.

Incident after Elwes memorial service



Mr Aspinall ruefully rubbing his jaw outside the church in Farm Street.

Mr John Aspinall was punched on the chin after he had delivered the address at the memorial service to Dominic Elwes, a friend of Lord Lucan, in London yesterday. The incident occurred as friends of Mr Elwes, the painter, who committed suicide on September 6, left the Jesuit Church in Farm Street, Mayfair.

Mr Aspinall was punched by Mr Tremayne Rodd, a cousin of Mr Elwes, who then ran away up Farm Street, shouting: "That's what I think of your bloody speech, Aspinall".

Mr Aspinall, who founded the Clermont Club in Berkeley Square and now runs a wild animal sanctuary and private zoo near Maidstone, Kent, tottered back, rubbed his chin and said: "I am used to this sort of thing in dealing with wild animals". He added later: "Lucky I've got a strong chin".

Mrs Rosalie Elwes, sister-in-law of the late Mr Elwes, said: "How distressing. I am most terribly sorry. I thought your speech was excellent".

Mr Rodd, a cousin of Mr Elwes, said later: "I am very overwrought and angry. His speech was totally inappropriate in every way. I am most upset."

In his address inside the church Mr Aspinall read from a letter Mr Elwes had sent him shortly before his death, mentioning "the incredible, wonderful times spent, more often than not, with you, Aspers, and Lady Sarah".

Mr Aspinall said Mr Elwes lived with topicality and for the moment. But he could never find the fame to which he knew he was entitled. "He resented the fact that many lesser men had found fame through the media and through the newspapers. He knew many people had achieved much, but he never managed it."

His business affairs had never been the success they might have been. He was happiest entertaining a dozen or more close friends with his amusing stories or his wit.

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School meals meeting a different social need

By a Staff Reporter

There are more overfed than underfed Children, except perhaps in areas of social deprivation, according to the report of a committee established to investigate school meals which was published yesterday.

The committee on catering arrangements in schools, which was set up in May, 1972, by Mrs Thatcher when she was Secretary of State for Education and Science, says: "Taking the country as a whole, there is little evidence of clinical malnutrition, or even under-nutrition, among schoolchildren. In children, as in adults, excessive weight due to overeating is commoner."

It points out that the school meal no longer has the same important place it once had in the child's nutrition, but it is still important for a minority of pupils, particularly in areas of social deprivation, and for overweight children who eat too much of the wrong kind of food.

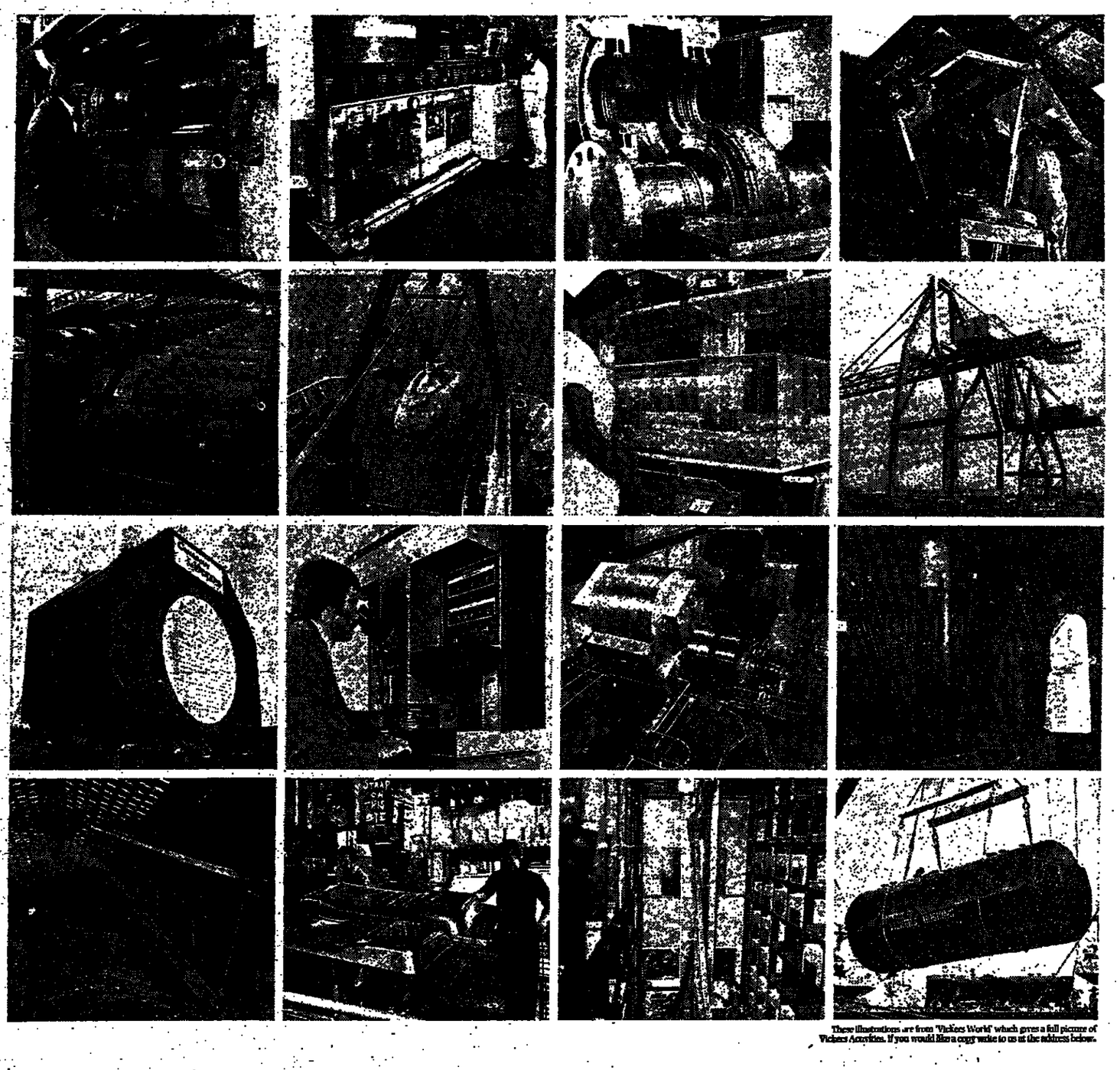
The committee suggests that school meals have social aims: to ensure that the children of working mothers receive a proper midday meal, to make a contribution to the resources of poor families, and to teach children how to eat in company and find out about different kinds of food. But it emphasizes that school meals should not attempt to satisfy all, or the greater part, of the nutritional needs of children: that is the responsibility of parents, assisted, if necessary, by social services agencies.

The report makes no recommendations for radical change in the present pattern of school meals, but it does suggest that a more flexible approach may be needed, particularly in the case of older pupils. As a first step to a brighter image, the committee recommends that the new title School Catering Service should be adopted immediately.

The committee also recommends that the present rate-support grant to local authorities should be amended to help authorities that are responsible for providing a large number of free school meals and to allow all local education authorities to introduce greater flexibility into their school-meal service, in particular by allowing more choice to older children.

In a second report on school meals published yesterday, a working party recommends regular monitoring of their nutritional value, but it does not suggest any changes in their present nutritional standards.

Catering in Schools (Stationery Office, 75p).
Nutrition in Schools (Stationery Office), 50p.



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Farmer denies kidnapping Lady Devonport

Peter John Mathews, aged 36, a farmer, of Herons Way, Playden, Sussex, who is accused of kidnapping Sheila Lady Devonport, aged 67, from her Peasmarsh Place, near Rye, home, last March, appeared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

After the jury had been sworn in, Mr Barry Hudson, QC, for the prosecution, said there were matters he wished to be raised in the absence of the jury. Judge King-Hamilton, QC, then dismissed the jury until today.

Mr Mathews denied stealing and unlawfully carrying away Lady Devonport against her will on March 18; and assaulting her, causing her bodily harm. He also denied robbing Marion Tate of three necklaces and a clock on February 15 this year; burglaring her home at Rye Hill, and stealing three necklaces and clock; and assaulting her, causing her bodily harm.

He also denied robbing Rosemary Tennant on February 17 and assaulting her, causing her bodily harm.

Tories' choice

Mr Vivian Bendall, aged 37, a surveyor, from Croydon, has been adopted by the Conservatives to fight Redbridge, Ilford, North, at the next general election. The seat is held by Mrs Millie Miller, Labour, with a majority of 778.

Woman charged with harbouring is remanded

From Our Correspondent
Southampton

Mrs Lynne Bogan, aged 28, who is divorced, was accused at Southampton Magistrates' Court yesterday of harbouring a bomber. Mrs Bogan, of Chiltern Green, Millbrook, Southampton, was arrested last week under the anti-terrorist law after the discovery of 400 lb of gelignite under a Southampton block of flats.

She was charged yesterday with harbouring Donald Brian McLoughin, known as Steve McCann, with intent to impede his apprehension for prosecution between April 24, 1974, and October 14, 1975, after he had placed a bomb with intent to cause an explosion likely to endanger life or cause serious damage to property. She was remanded in custody for a week.

Discharge for 19 demonstrators

Four women and 15 men were discharged at Marlborough Street Magistrates' court, London, yesterday, when the Director of Public Prosecutions offered no evidence against them on a charge of conspiracy to trespass at the Regent Street offices of Iberian Airlines on September 10.

They were bound over to keep the peace for 12 months.

They were said to be part of a demonstration against executions in Spain.

Footballer for trial on stolen goods charges

Jan Hutchinson, the Chelsea footballer, was sent for trial by magistrates at Feltham, Middlesex, yesterday, charged with handling stolen stamp albums and a backgammon board.

Mr Hutchinson, aged 27, of Goat Hill, Horsham, Sussex, appeared with two other men. He was also charged with handling two silver napkin rings.

Richard Keith Page, aged 38, student, of The Drive, Coulsdon, Surrey, was sent for trial on charges of receiving stamps and albums, dishonestly handling stamps and silver, and dishonestly handling a backgammon board.

George Alderson, aged 38, a cargo agent, of Middle Green Lane, Laleham, Middlesex, was sent for trial charged with stealing stamp albums and silver worth £7,000 from Lady Place, Shepperton. He was also charged with entering the building.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between 1973 and October, 1975. All three were committed for trial at Middlesex Crown Court and each was granted bail in his own recognizance of £500 with one surety of £1,000.

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HOME NEWS

Poulson case doctor suspended for six months by GMC

Dr Sydney Hepworth, aged 60, a former major of Southport, who was jailed in February for three years for corruption involving the John Poulson business, was suspended fom the medical register for six months by the Disciplinary Committee of the General Medical Council yesterday.

When the chairman of the committee announced its findings Dr Hepworth called out: "Oh, no sir", and clung to the back of his seat to keep his balance. Then he broke down and began to weep.

He was helped from the room in great distress shouting: "It's not fair. It's not fair."

The committee had been told earlier that an appeal against the three-year sentence on charges of corruption and conspiracy to commit corruption had been rejected earlier this month.

Mr Kenneth Widgery said the doctor became Mayor of Southport in 1962. It was in the 1960s that Mr Poulson's firm was active in the area and that brought it into close contact with various officers of Southport council, including Dr Hepworth.

As a key figure on the planning and development committee, he had improperly used his influence to help Mr Poulson and his firm, Mr Widgery said.

Two doctors said to have been drawn into a scheme involving false passports were both ordered to be suspended from the register. Dr Mohammed Khan, aged 41, who was born in India, was ordered to be suspended for six months and Dr Peter Nicolaides, aged 62, who was born in Cyprus, was ordered to be suspended for 12 months.

Both men were fined £1,050 at Middlesex Crown Court earlier this year for making untrue statements to procure a passport for someone else. The committee was told yesterday that both doctors countersigned passport application forms without knowing the applicant: Dr Khan 17 times and Dr Nicolaides three times.

They charged the usual £2 fee but, the committee was told, the proprietor of the travel agency behind the scheme was charging Cypriots up to £400 each for a false passport. There was no suggestion that Dr Khan made any inordinate financial gain.

Dr Frank Taylor, aged 40, of Highbury, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, worked an ingenious fraud on the National Health Service but acquired "pathetically modest" things such as cat food, the committee was told.

He came to an arrangement with the manager of the local Boots store to buy non-medical goods with National Health Service prescriptions. Dr Taylor was ordered to be suspended from the register for 12 months.

Mr Paul Honigmann told the committee that instead of payment Dr Taylor would make up NHS prescriptions for drugs that had the cash equivalent of the goods.

Mr James Watt, for Dr Taylor, said that at first he used the goods to restock his surgery. Only later did he secure things for himself, and they were of a pathetically modest nature, such as orange squash and tins of cat food.

It was stated that Dr Taylor had pleaded guilty at Newcastle upon Tyne Magistrates' Court in September to one charge of attempting to obtain money by deception and three charges of obtaining money by deception from the Newcastle upon Tyne Family Practitioner Committee and was fined a total of £600. Thirty-one similar offences had been taken into consideration.

Military use of Dartmoor vital, inquiry is told

From John Young
Exeter

The continued use of Dartmoor as a military training area is vital for Britain's defence, a public inquiry at Exeter was told yesterday. If the Armed Forces were excluded from the national park they would be less well equipped to do their job.

The inquiry has been called in response to strongly expressed views by conservationists, despite the Nugent committee's finding in 1973 that a military withdrawal would not be in the public interest.

The Army and Royal Marines use about an eighth of the 364 square miles of the park, consisting of three firing ranges near Okehampton and two smaller training areas in the south-west. The firing ranges are used for only part of the year; at other times the public has free access.

In a written submission the Ministry of Defence argues that the Dartmoor training area, together with the barracks at Plymouth, the harbour at Devonport and the helicopter bases at Plymouth and Yeovilton, provides a unique and essential combination for commando training.

The main objectors are the Countryside Commission and the Dartmoor Preservation Association. Both state that military training is incompatible with the concept of a national park.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England and the Ramblers' Association want a fixed date for withdrawal. The National Trust is concerned about damage to archaeological monuments on its land at Ringmoor but has agreed to extend training licences for a further 12 months.

Local district and parish councils almost unanimously want the military to stay. The Nature Conservancy Council states that training has not significantly damaged the land and has had some indirect benefits.

Sharing of television in Welsh is proposed

From Trevor Fishlock
Cardiff

The BBC and commercial television have worked out a scheme for sharing a Welsh language television service on the fourth channel. It would cost £8.85m to set up and £5.3m a year to run, and would end the Welsh-English friction that has bedevilled broadcasting in Wales.

But Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, indicated yesterday that costs might cause deferment of the plans.

The service would at first provide 25 hours a week of Welsh language programmes and all the present Welsh output of BBC Wales and Harlech Television, now totalling 13 hours, would be moved on to it, the fourth channel working party, appointed by the Home Office, said in its report yesterday.

With all the Welsh on one channel, the BBC and HTV would hope to win back viewers in Wales who have turned their aerials to English transmitters to escape Welsh language programmes.

Apart from school broadcasts, the new service would be in the evenings and would be augmented by programmes of Welsh interest, in English.

HTV would broadcast on the fourth channel on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the BBC on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Sundays would be shared. A joint programme committee would balance the output, and BBC and HTV would continue to operate separate news services.

The BBC and the IBA (Independent Broadcasting Authority) would share the task of installing transmitters and other equipment. The working party estimates that a new Welsh Language UHF service covering nine tenths of Wales could be working within 32 months of approval.

Cooperation between the BBC and commercial television in Welsh language broadcasting presents no insuprable difficulties. But finance is another matter. The BBC, IBA and HTV are not able to finance the fourth channel and the service would require government aid, the report says.

Broadcasting organizations in Wales and a number of cultural organizations are concerned at the possibility of delay. In some quarters there is bound to be anger if the service is long delayed.

Conservatives back legislation on race

By Martin Huckerby

Conservative support for the Government's planned legislation on race relations was announced yesterday by Mr Ian Gilmour, MP, opposition spokesman on home affairs. He said it would be inconsistent with the way the Conservatives voted in the last session if they were to oppose it.

The Conservatives would seek to amend and improve the legislation, he said, and continued: "We must recoguize that legislation does have some part to play in improving community relations".

In a speech at Leeds University he said that a high level of unemployment over a long period might worsen race relations. "It could, first, make young coloured people feel increasingly alienated from the rest of society. If any minority group believe firmly that they are being denied opportunities available to the rest of society then they are bound to be easy converts to the arguments of the extremists, whose real aim is to destroy our society and create a Marxist-type one in its place. We must not provide these extremists with a fertile ground for their activities."

He noted that young coloured people out of work, sharing the expectations of their white colleagues at school, would in many cases be reluctant to take on some of the dirtier and less agreeable jobs that their parents were prepared to do.

Another danger, Mr Gilmour believed, was that the social strains caused by unemployment might make some white workers who were unemployed or threatened with unemployment think wrongly that their jobs had been threatened or lost because of the presence of coloured immigrant workers.

To overcome these difficulties, Mr Gilmour suggested that there was not only a role for Government and employers to play by providing training schemes, fair recruitment policies and educational programmes but also a vital role for the trade unions which, "with one or two honourable exceptions, have not been the most conspicuous front-runners in attempts to improve community relations".

Control of immigration had not removed strains, he said, but without control the strains would certainly have been exacerbated. He went on: "There is no further major curb on immigration that we can and should introduce." However, he felt illegal immigration undermined confidence and was grossly unfair to those who came to Britain legally.

He ruled out large-scale repatriation as dangerous nonsense. Onu integration, he said people ought to have the choice of staying close together or of leaving the communities where many of their immigrant colleagues lived. "What is clear is that if integration means making everybody the same or forcibly mixing them together, then it is impractical and undesirable."



Sharon Fitton, aged six, Miss Pears 1975, with her portrait by Trevor Willoughby, unveiled yesterday.

Thatcher storage 'would have paid off'

By a Staff Reporter

The controversial advice a year ago by Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, to fight inflation by investing in tinned foods would have paid anyone who followed it, according to an article in the December issue of *Choice*, the magazine for retirement planning, published today.

Choice, in which the original interview with Mrs Thatcher appeared last December, calculates that an investment of £100 in the tinned foods recommended by her would now be worth £115.76. That increase, the magazine says, is more than that of a similar investment in gold, building society deposits, national savings or government stock.

In the same issue, Mr O'Malley, Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security, says in an interview that it is unlikely that any government in the foreseeable future will have the resources to reduce the retirement age of men to 60. It would cost £1,559m now, and even if such a sum was available he would not recommend that all of it should be used for that purpose.

Peer's butler is jailed for silver theft

Giuseppe Salerno, a butler, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for two years for stealing family silver worth £30,000 from the home of his employer, Lord Dartmouth, in Hill Street, Mayfair, London, and faking a robbery.

He was found bound and gagged after the raid but that was a trick to throw the police off the scent, it was stated. Mr Salerno, aged 28, fainted on hearing the sentence.

Melanie Anne Taylor, aged 22, a former cabaret dancer, of Horseshoes Way, Brampton, Huntingdon, said she had lived with an Italian named Emilio Digiovine, aged 25, and worked with him at the Old Bridge Hotel, Huntingdon, where they had a flat. On the morning of November 7 he woke her with a tap on the bedroom window and carried in a laundry basket labelled "Lord Dartmouth".

Later she helped him to take items of silver from the basket and wrap them in plastic bags. They were hidden in the hotel cellar but the police found them within a few hours.

She admitted that she had been an accomplice, playing a minor role in retaining the silver after it had been stolen. At the Central Criminal Court last August she had been given a conditional discharge.

Mr Digiovine failed to surrender to bail; he is believed to be back in Italy. Otherwise he would have been standing in the dock with Mr Salerno accused of the theft.

Safety officer fined

William Fletcher, road safety officer at Derby, was fined £15 yesterday for driving carelessly. He reversed into a policeman's car in a car park.

Complaint of wife's detention

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

A Pakistani draper from Glasgow complained yesterday that his wife, who is six months pregnant, has been detained at Harmondsworth, near Staines, for seven weeks, and refused entry to Britain because the Home Office does not believe they were married.

Mr Muhammed Alam also alleged that a British government official in Islamabad had asked her how many times she and her husband had had intercourse on their wedding night.

Mr Lyon, Minister of State at the Home Office, is considering representations made on her behalf to obtain entry to Britain. The Home Office said yesterday: "The immigration authorities are not satisfied she intends to stay for the time she suggests."

Mr Alam, who arrived in Britain in 1961, says he produced a certificate of their marriage, which took place on April 5, 1973. The couple arrived together in Britain in October, but his wife had no entry certificate.

Disabled seek cars rather than mobility allowance

By a Staff Reporter

It would be cheaper for the Government to provide the 40,000 to 50,000 disabled drivers with maintained saloon cars rather than the planned taxable £5 a week mobility allowance, the Disabled Drivers Association said yesterday.

The association organized a mass lobby of Parliament to urge reconsideration of the mobility allowance scheme before it is introduced by the Department of Health and Social Security on January 1.

At the lobby, and a press conference beforehand, association members argued that with mobility disabled people could go to work and carry out family duties. If they were not mobile they had to rely on the state for income and family services.

Nearly five hundred disabled people took part in the lobby in Westminster Hall. A letter to the Prime Minister was handed in at 10 Downing Street afterwards and a delegation visited Mr Alfred Morris, Under-Secretary of State for the Disabled.

At present disabled people who can drive are either given an invalid tricycle or £100 a year towards running a privately owned and converted saloon car. The car drivers group are exempt from the £40 annual road tax.

When the mobility allowance scheme starts in January the present benefits will remain for those who now have them. But people newly qualified for help will be paid the taxable £5 a week, without road tax exemption.

Mr Douglas Campbell, chairman of the association, said disabled car drivers might be forced to go back to tricycles because the new allowance would not help to meet the cost of running a car.

Licensing change sought after Lords' ruling

By Our Political Staff

Lord Harmar-Nicholls introduced a private member's Bill in the Lords yesterday to amend the Licensing Act, 1964, in view of the ruling of the Law Lords that drinks must not be served at dances and functions after normal licensing hours, except by waiters.

The ruling has caused great difficulties to organizers of dances and social functions who, until the ruling of the Law Lords in the case of Carter v Bradbeer, have continued to serve drinks from bars up to the time permitted in special hours licences.

The decision was further reinforced early this month when the Lord Chief Justice and two other judges upheld in the High Court the decision of the Cardiff magistrates to ban over-the-bar sales at nine late-night dinner dances.

Mr Robin Corbett, Labour MP for Hemel Hempstead, introduced a private member's Bill on November 12 to make the law what it had been taken to mean before the Law Lords' decision, but that move failed through lack of parliamentary time.

Lord Harmar-Nicholls is seeking to make the same change in his Bill and he stands a good chance of getting it through before any new attempt in the Commons.

Mr Corbett has said that the ruling meant that what millions of people had been doing for years at late night functions was illegal.

BBC wins two TV awards

By a Staff Reporter

BBC television has won both the fiction and non-fiction prizes in the 1975 "Emmy" awards presented by the International council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for programmes made and shown outside the United States.

The non-fiction prize has gone to *Marek*, the moving story of a seven-year-old boy who died after a hole-in-the-heart operation. In the fiction or entertainment class, the prize went to *The Evacuees*, Jack Rosenthal's semi-autobiographical story of two small Jewish boys evacuated to Blackpool in the Second World War.

Marek also won the Asian Broadcasting Union prize. Marek's parents had asked for the film to be shown in the BBC's *Inside Story* series even though the boy died shortly after surgery.

Private inquiry into trial of three youths

Sir Henry Fisher, President of Wolfson College, Oxford, and a former High Court judge, is to carry out an inquiry, in private, into the case of three youths who were freed by the Court of Appeal last month after being convicted in 1972 on charges arising out of the death of a homosexual and a fire at a house in Doggett Road, Catford, London.

Their release from prison came after public controversy and pressure from Mr Christopher Price, Labour MP for Lewisham, West, that the youths had been wrongly convicted.

Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, said in a Commons written reply to Mr Price yesterday that an independent inquiry would be set up "to inquire into the circumstances leading to the trial of Colin George Lattimore, Ahmet Salih and Ronald William Leighton on charges arising out of the death of Maxwell Confait and the fire at 27 Doggett Road; and to report".

Mr Jenkins said Sir Henry's findings would be published.

Scottish gallery explains sale room mystery

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

The National Gallery of Scotland has paid an undisclosed sum for an oil painting, "Distraining for Rent", by Sir David Wilkie, Scotland's most distinguished nineteenth-century painter.

The painting goes on view today. It is regarded as an important "Scottish" acquisition.

The announcement explains an art-world mystery last Friday when the painting was one of a group from Swinton Settled Estates for sale at Christie's. Despite a published estimate on the work of £15,000 to £18,000 Christie's bought it back on behalf of the owner at a hammer price of 48,000 gns.

Selling a painting directly to a national museum qualifies the vendor for substantial estate duty advantages. If the painting is purchased at auction those concessions are not available: the sale must be private. Thus the Scottish National Gallery told Christie's and the vendors before the sale of its willingness to buy privately and a reserve was set on the picture commensurate with the sum it was prepared to spend, scaled up to allow for the estate duty concessions.

If the gallery had, say, £20,000 to spend that might mean as much for the owner as an open market bid of about £80,000. The precise figures depend on the average level of duty paid on the estate.

It appears that this is only the second time such a strategy has been used in a public auction. The first occasion concerned the purchase by the London National Gallery of Parmigianino's "Mystic Marriage of St Catherine" a year ago. It was bought in at Christie's at £273,000.

Since the purchase price has been disclosed in neither case quite how the strategy works is not yet a matter of public knowledge, though it is clearly advantageous both to the museum and the vendor.

Mr Colin Thomson, keeper of paintings at Edinburgh, said yesterday that although the gallery already owned Wilkie's "Pitlessie Fair" and later works, it had no important example of the first flowering of his talent in London, where he swiftly attained one of the highest reputations of his day. Most of his works of that period were commissioned or acquired by royal or noble clients.

"Distraining for Rent", painted in 1815, was immediately acquired by the British Institution for £630. At Christie's in 1890 it was sold for £2,310, a very high price for the time and equivalent to at least £20,000 in 1975 devalued currency.

Cut in food subsidies will put 1p on the loaf

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

The price of a loaf of bread will rise by 1p next month when the Government makes the first cut in food subsidies since it started the present series of payments more than 18 months ago. But the cut will account for only half of the price rise.

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said yesterday that large bread manufacturers wanted to charge an extra ½p for a loaf from the beginning of December, to cover the cost of a wage award.

Meanwhile the Government had found that the cost of food subsidies this year was in danger of exceeding the £550m earmarked for them. The subsidy, worth 2½p on a large loaf, which now cost about 16p in shops, would be cut by ½p. The reduction would be operated by reducing the subsidy on a sack of bread flour from £5.16 to £4.06. It would save £5.5m a year.

Mrs Williams was careful to point out in a delayed parliamentary written answer that the new price of bread would be only ½p higher than the rate before the price of a large loaf was cut by ½p in October. "I said at the time that this reduction could last for only a very short period", she said.

Her statement contained a concession to bakers. They were told last week that the Government intended to cut the subsidy by 1p a loaf and they surprised the Government by strongly opposing the idea. They were slightly appeased yesterday by the change to ½p. But they resent bitterly not being able to raise the price by an extra ½p to eliminate the October reduction.

The federation would have made a much stronger statement if the Government had not modified the change to the subsidy.

Students at Aston vote to leave the NUS

Members of the students' union at Aston University, Birmingham, voted yesterday to leave the National Union of Students. At a special general meeting 893 members voted in favour of leaving and 332 voted to stay in the NUS.

The group behind the campaign to leave the NUS, led by Mr Ian Minnis, president of the Aston union, claim that their example will be followed by other universities. They say NUS conferences have become "political talking shops" paid for with money that should be helping students.

Nurse hit patient with cricket bat

A hospital staff nurse who hit a mental patient across the buttocks with a cricket bat was fined £75 by magistrates at Thornbury, near Bristol, yesterday. Mrs Doreen Driscoll, aged 40, of Coronation Road, Bristol, pleaded guilty to ill treating a patient at Hortham Hospital, Almondsbury, on August 16.

The prosecution said the patient had returned to watch television after being sent to his room.

Island post warning

Industrial action by Guernsey harbour workers is severely delaying parcel post to and from the island. The Post Office yesterday advised customers not to post parcels to Guernsey containing perishable goods.

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Experiments with battery hen cages condemned

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Experiments using different kinds of cages for battery hens by a unit of the Agricultural Research Council were condemned yesterday by the National Society for the Abolition of Factory Farming. Mrs Lucy Newman, national organizer of the society, said the unit should concentrate on "the more natural and less cruel ways of intensive farming that are still largely unexplored".

News of the experiment at the Poultry Research Centre in Edinburgh was published yesterday in the annual report of the council. Researchers had tried to find out what size of cage and what type of cage-floor battery hens preferred. They also wanted to discover how many companions the birds wanted in the cages.

They gave the hens a choice between a wire mesh floor, discouraged by a government committee which feared cutting of the bird's feet, and a heavy floor without wires. "The hens spent more time on the thin, close-meshed wire than on the recommended heavy floor," the council said, "probably because the closer spacing of the wires gave them a more secure footing".

Dr W. M. Henderson, secretary to the council, commented after publication: "The design of cages is at a very much earlier stage than the research from PRC on poultry nutrition. One hopes this new work will find its way into the industry".

Mrs Newman said: "We are totally against the concept of cooping chickens up in batteries. It is ridiculous for the research centre to spend public money on reaching an obvious conclusion. Of course hens need a proper broad grip for their feet.

"But this ignores the point that good intensive farming should not involve batteries at all. The answer is a more natural environment in which the chickens can live with others or other species in more or less natural conditions."

Food from waste: Scientists at the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, Harwell, are trying to interest food companies in a new process which could produce usable protein from factory waste. The authority has developed filters that can absorb protein from streams of waste from food factories. It found in laboratory trials that more than two thirds of usable protein in a stream of whey, a dairy industry by-product, could be recovered.

Early decision is promised for women-only hospital

By a Staff Reporter

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, promised an early decision on the future of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital in Euston Road, London, after talking to staff and patients there yesterday. The hospital is threatened with closure.

It was founded by Elizabeth Garrett Anderson in 1872 and is one of only three in Britain where women can be sure that they will be treated by woman doctors. However, it is small, with just over a hundred beds, in an area with no shortage of beds, and it occupies buildings in need of considerable renovation on a cramped one-acre site.

Its closure has been contemplated since at least 1959 and appeared imminent last December when the General Nursing Council withdrew its recognition of the hospital for nurse training, thus threatening to cut off the supply of student nurses to staff the hospital. After considerable protest, including a petition signed by 23,000 women, it was given a temporary reprieve in July.

After her visit Mrs Castle said the hospital required considerable expenditure to bring it up to a proper standard. Essential improvements such as new lifts and rewiring would cost £500,000 and it would cost £1m a year to run the hospital.

She said: "There is an urgent need for cost-effectiveness in the National Health Service, and this hospital cannot justify itself on purely economic grounds."

However, Mrs Castle agreed that a decision to close the hospital could not be taken solely on economic grounds. Her visit has confirmed her impression that there is great affection for the hospital among its patients and that it has a special atmosphere. She quite understood the feelings of women who preferred to be treated by woman doctors.

Asked whether that meant there were grounds for optimism about the survival of the hospital, she answered: "No. I prefer to begin to make up my mind now and to digest what I have seen today. However, I can promise a pretty early decision."

After leaving the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Mrs Castle visited the new Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead. One solution to the future of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson which is under discussion is that it should become an autonomous unit in a larger hospital. The Royal Free, with which it was formerly linked, would be the obvious candidate.

Another solution is that it should stay independent but on another site. Mrs Castle pointed out that at present the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson was a very small hospital on a very expensive site.

Shore committee delay criticized by Labour MPs

By Our Political Staff

A motion criticizing Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, over progress in establishing a committee of inquiry on industrial democracy was tabled yesterday with the signatures of a hundred Labour MPs.

The MPs, from all sections of the party, asked for an immediate announcement of the names of the chairman and members of the committee, and for a reaffirmation of the Government's intention to legislate during the 1976-77 session of Parliament to extend industrial democracy.

Mr Giles Radice, MP for Chester-le-Street, said Mr Shore promised three months ago that the committee would be set up immediately. He had withdrawn his private member's Bill on industrial democracy basically because of that assurance. His Bill had been based on the TUC document which called for 50 per cent worker representation, elected through trade union machinery, on the supervisory boards of companies.

Pensions in Civil Service 'out of control'

By Our Political Staff

The present value of the maximum inflation-proofed pension for a retiring permanent secretary in the Civil Service was £650,000, assuming 25 per cent inflation, Mr Timothy Renton, Conservative MP for Sussex, Mid, estimated yesterday.

Assuming inflation continuing at 20 per cent, and money on deposit earning 10 per cent, he said, the value of the pension was £360,000. "I am not getting at civil servants", he added. "I am saying that their pensions, like inflation, are now out of control."

Mr Renton said he would press the Government to disclose the full pension cost, and would ask that independent actuaries should advise the Government with a view, on all future Civil Service pensions, to limiting the allowance for inflation to a maximum of 5 per cent a year. "This is generous by the standards of private pension schemes", he said.

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WEST EUROPE

Italian Christian Democrats seek compromise on congress to avoid policy clash between factions

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Nov 25

The meaning of compromise looked today like the main issue facing the ruling Christian Democrats as they argued whether the ailing party should hold its next national congress in late February or early March.

On the face of it the argument means little more than a possible change in somebody's claims for winter sports but the issues behind the choice are weightier.

The conservative factions intending a meeting of the party's national council want a congress as early as possible, but Signor Benigno Zaccagnini, the party secretary who was elected at the last council in July, wants a later congress elected under different rules and with much greater possibilities for reinvigorating the party which suffered a shock as a result of the communist advance in the regional elections in June.

The date will almost certainly be somewhere between the two—February 28 is probable. What matters will be to what extent this council will leave Signor Zaccagnini free to continue his attempt at taking the party in hand before the congress meets and whether the delegates will be chosen in a way which would permit the process to continue.

A large part of the party's conservative wing is reacting to two separate events: defeat at the hands of the Communists followed by extreme personal difficulties. At the last national council, Senator Amintore Fanfani was ejected from the Secretaryship at a series of meetings unprecedented for the lack of dignity in the public quarrels.

The main contender for his post was Signor Flaminio Piccoli, leader of the Christian Democratic Party in the Chamber of Deputies. He failed and the post went to the urbane Signor Zaccagnini who had made no effort on his own behalf to obtain it. Senator Fanfani and Signor Piccoli have since joined forces, with others, to oust the involuntary winner.

Their own political reaction to the Communists' gains was understood to be to hold a quick national congress to anchor the party to a conservative policy and then challenge the Communists with the supposed assurance that the voters would not make the same mistake twice, but would this time renew their support for the Christian Democrats.

Signor Zaccagnini's position, which is shared by Signor Aldo Moro, the Prime Minister, is that the party urgently requires reform. It has had virtually three decades of unbroken power and is showing the symptoms of the natural consequence of such a situation, which is a power-consciousness without much awareness of the country's requirements or opinions.

Signor Zaccagnini has been attempting to put this right. At the same time he is trying to impose a reasonably forward-looking policy on the party to save it from any danger of becoming simply the conservative pole opposed to the Communists.

Few people doubt the excellence of Signor Zaccagnini's intentions. He has repeatedly said that he will hand over the post once he has delivered a party improved in morale and in organization to the next national congress.

He might be faulted on tactics. It was noticeable, for instance, that his opening speech to the council on Sunday night expressed his own policy very clearly but he did the best he could not to be overcontroversial. He did not ask for a vote on the report.

Hence his opponents, who might have felt embarrassed at the thought of voting against a generally praised report, could concentrate their fire on his idea of a March congress elected in a new and more open way, and insist on an earlier one elected on the old familiar lines.

Their political argument might well split the party if he insisted. He is in fact unlikely to take action which he thought would run such a risk, but he would also not want to permit too much compromising of his own ideas and ideals.

The code name he chose when in the wartime resistance movement was not for nothing "Thomas More".

Crisis in French social services as deficit endangers reflation plan

Hint of heavier burden on workers angers unions

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 25

M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the Finance Minister, is a man with a reputation for plain speaking. A few days ago, he made it clear that he did not wish the Government's reflation plan to be endangered by an increase in the already very heavy burden of contributions for social benefits borne by businesses.

The growing deficit of the French social security system, which this year is expected to reach 4,500m francs (about £500m) and top the 8,000m francs mark in 1976, must be filled by an increase in employees' contributions, he said.

This statement, which the minister took pains to say he made on his own responsibility, provoked an immediate outcry from trade unions, providentially reunited by this "genuine provocation" and demonstration that the state, in the words of the Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail, "flies to the help of the employers".

It has also predictably prompted a violent reaction from the white collar workers' union, the Confédération Générale des Cadres which described it today as "a case of war". The union insisted that it was up to the state to finance out of its own revenue the unjustified burdens it placed upon the finance of the social security system.

M Fourcade was practically disowned by the Prime Minister over the weekend for speaking his mind on so explosive a subject. M Chirac emphasized that the Government had not reached a decision.

Politically, the minister's remarks had come at an awkward time, when the Government is waiting for two official reports to decide whether it should carry out a radical reform or merely, as in the past, resort to expedients and half measures. His views inflame a debate which promises to be difficult in any case as everyone wants the benefits of comprehensive social security but no one wants to bear the extra cost.

M Michel Durafour, the Minister of Labour, admitted in the Senate yesterday that the social security system was at the end of its tether. "It will not be possible from 1976", he said, "to compensate a deficit on the current year by digging into the reserves, for these will amount to three days' expenditure".

He added, however, that the reform of the finances of the system and that of the ceiling for the calculation of contributions would be linked, an indication that a real reform was intended.

The deficit of the national health branch of the system is as long lived in France as social security itself. But next year, for the first time, it iwll affect pensions and family allowances hitherto balanced or in surplus. The reason is that in a period of economic recession, contributions have fallen, and benefits, owing to inflation, have gone up.

The daily price of a hospital bed has gone up by between 2[illegible] and 40 per cent, according to region, and doctors' fees have risen by 20 per cent. The use of drugs has increased astronomically. If nothing is done to stop the rot, the rapporteur of the labour budget said in the Senate, a quarter of France's gross national product would be absorbed by social security expenditure in 10 years' time.

The employers claim—and the Finance Minister agrees with them—that the burden on firms cannot be increased without imperilling the economy. Social security contributions paid by employers have increased from 22 to 28 per cent of wages since 1945, while the employee's have remained practically unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

Whereas German and Dutch employers finance about one-third of their countries' social security bills, in France they account for half.

The alternative would be, as the Finance Minister suggested, for an employee's contributions to go up two points to 8.5 per cent but this would penalize the lower wage earners. If the taxpayer were to foot the bill, it would mean a 14 per cent increase in tax rates.

So the answer will probably be, as *Le Monde* suggests, a cocktail of different recipes—a pinch of economies, a pruning of benefits, a few drops of taxation, and a large spoonful of contributions.

New Zealand worried about dairy exports

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Nov 25

New Zealand has expressed concern about the long-term prospect for its exports of dairy produce to Britain.

During consultations with the European Commission which ended in Brussels today, the New Zealand delegation led by Mr Frank Corner, Foreign Affairs Secretary, called for an early decision on the amount of duty-free butter to be allowed into Britain after 1977, when present import arrangements are due to expire.

The Commission has proposed that Britain should be allowed to import an average of 121,000 tons of butter a year between 1978 and 1980, with quotas falling from 129,000 tons in the first year to 113,000 tons in the last. This has still to be approved by the Council of Ministers.

New Zealand's negotiators did not today question the reasonableness of the total three-year quota, but they were anxious that after 1980 there should be a guarantee of permanent access to the British market, on which they see New Zealand remaining heavily dependent for the foreseeable future.

EEC officials made clear that the diminishing-total aspect of their proposals was not negotiable. They also indicated that a final decision on butter quotas by the Council of Ministers was unlikely before next March.

The situation has been complicated by objections from the Dutch and the Danes, who export substantial quantities of butter to Britain and argue that the Commission's proposals are too generous to New Zealand.

New Zealand officials also raised today the question of continued access after 1980 to the British market for cheese, for which the Commission has so far made no proposals.

Italian police free kidnap victim after gun battle

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Nov 25

Signor Carlo Travaglino, an engineer kidnapped by Sardinian bandits on October 28, was freed today after a gunbattle near Orgosolo between his captors and a police patrol.

A man identified as Antonio Vedele was arrested. He was thought to have been involved in an earlier kidnapping.

Signor Travaglino was kidnapped when leaving a restaurant with friends the day after he arrived in Sardinia from Milan. A ransom of 100m lire (£70,000) was said to have been asked. It appears not to have been paid when the victim was released.

This is one of the few cases in which the police have succeeded in freeing a hostage.

There are still three people in the hands of kidnappers in Sardinia, including Signor Pietro Riccio, a Christian Democrat member of the national Parliament.

Illegal workers on hunger strike for Dutch amnesty

From Our Correspondent
The Hague, Nov 25

Thirty foreigners who are working illegally in The Netherlands are staging a hunger strike in a Roman Catholic church in The Hague, demanding an amnesty from the state. Similar groups of 200 in Amsterdam and 30 in Utrecht, together with Dutch sympathizers, have staged similar demonstrations this month.

They are protesting against the "regularization" scheme established by the Government to enable part of the estimated 150,000 illegal foreign workers to legalize their status in the country.

The scheme, which lapsed in mid-November, required those applying for a permit to establish that they had worked in Holland regularly for a period of time and had entered the country before this year. They were required to produce a certificate from their employer or employers, but most employers refused to issue any such certificates.

This is because many employers use illegal workers, particularly as seasonal or casual labour, in order to dodge the payment of deducted tax and social security premiums. This halves their wages bill but makes them liable to prosecution for fraud.

Organizations representing the foreign workers suspected that the regularization scheme was a trap to bait unsuspecting illegal workers into the arms of the immigration authorities. They advised them to ignore it, or at least to consult them first.

The workers on hunger strike are demanding an amnesty for illegal foreign labour, but the Government, facing record unemployment next year, fears an amnesty would lead to an influx of illegal labour at present working in Belgium and West Germany.

Ex-SS men accused of mass murder

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Nov 25

The commandant of the SS death camp at Majdanek in Poland and 13 men and women subordinates face trial in Düsseldorf tomorrow on charges of murdering "at least" 250,000 Jews.

This is likely to be the last of the great Second World War mass-murder trials, as the commandant, former SS Captain Hermann Hackmann, is the only death camp commander known to be alive.

The case, the most complex of its kind for eight years in West Germany, could go on for two years or more. There are about 200 witnesses, including 70 from abroad, and some 30,000 pages of documents in more than 70 volumes.

The age and physical condition of the defendants could lend the hearings an even more macabre aspect than usual. They include one other former officer and the camp doctor, as well as five women guards aged up to 71.

A few have already served sentences imposed by the Poles or the Western Allies. Herr Hackmann, a furniture salesman until his arrest, was condemned to death by the Americans and later reprieved. He was released from a life sentence in 1955.

Magistrate detains employer

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 25

For the third time within a few weeks the proprietor of a business in France has been arrested while a young examining magistrate conducts an inquiry into the death of employees at work.

M Andre Louazel, besides being the owner of the local stone quarry in La Bouexiere, a small town near Rennes, is also the mayor, howevermard on the heels of an indignant protest by the local employers' confederation, the municipal council in La Bouexiere today demanded the immediate freeing of M Louazel while investigations continued. This evening it was announced that he would appeal to the courts against his detention.

Two workmen, died at the quarry on Friday when they were buried under a sudden fall of stones. A woman magistrate in her 30's, who ordered the detention of the quarry owner, has charged him with manslaughter and infraction of mine safety laws. She belongs to the French Magistrates' Association, which has criticized the courts publicly for an alleged leniency towards the better-off, instanced, it says, by a laxity over fatal accidents at work.

Expert urges gassing of foxes to defeat rabies

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Nov 25

With rabies continuing its steady progression westwards across Europe, a World Health Organization expert said today that the only way "to break the chain of infection" is to gas foxes in their dens.

Dr Konrad Boegel, chief of WHO's veterinary section, repudiated contentions that this would mean the extinction of the red fox in Europe and a deep rise in the rodent population. Research all over Europe in the past eight years had shown that the fox could not be eliminated by control measures.

"Our programmes have proved that reduction of numbers leaves the survivors bolder, less at risk from disease and hunting", he added. In certain ecological conditions—steep slopes and valleys where hunting can be efficient, but usually by gassing of fox dens can numbers be reduced to a level which will halt further transmission of the disease.

"It is far from easy, however, to have such control measures applied to an animal which, because of its role in fairy tales, has a place in the affections of European peoples, quite apart from the concerns of wildlife conservationists."

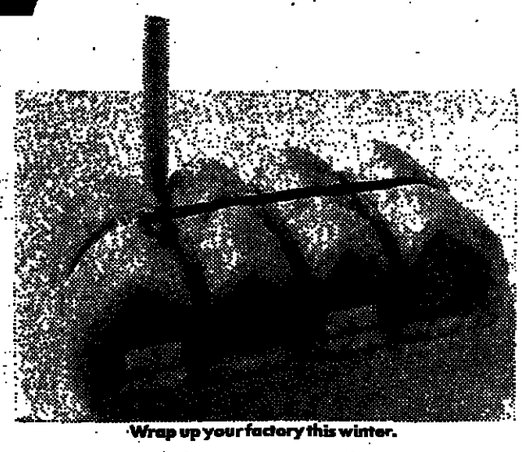
Cases of rabies are now being reported regularly in Switzerland among cattle, cats and, occasionally, among horses and dogs. All these outbreaks, Dr Boegel said, can be traced to foxes.

He said that rabid foxes often become seemingly very tame, approaching humans, even entering houses. A Paris couple holidaying in the Vosges had picked up and taken home with them a sick fox which had proved to be rabid.

Rabid cats or dogs were more likely to attack people. His advice to tourists was to be wary of domestic animals encountered in the woods. While rural dwellers were generally informed of the danger, there was need for greater public awareness of the situation.

He added that the present epizootic started 30 to 40 years ago in Central Europe, particularly Poland, and had since moved westwards at the rate of 15 to 30 miles a year. But he dismissed as conjectural a report of a possibly rabid raven attacking walkers in northern Switzerland. The risk of birds transmitting the disease was "practically zero".

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OVERSEAS

Bishop heartened by churches' shift on violence in Africa

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Nov 25

The Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, one of the British delegates to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi, said today that the Church of England remained totally committed to the council, while being critical of some of its policies, such as the support of liberation groups in Africa under the programme to combat racism.

He was, however, heartened at what he considered a discernible shift in the present assembly away from the proposition that violence is a necessary factor in achieving human rights in Africa. This was in contrast to the impression given by the council in its literature on the subject.

Christians in Britain did not want to see the programme to combat racism abolished. "The crucial question is whether a church or an individual Christian can ever support violence as the Christian way. I accept that as a Christian living in the world we have got to get involved in the world. But that is different from an endorsement of violence as the Christian way of dealing with a situation." Somehow the council should show that for the Christian, love is the only way.

The assembly is being pressed to act positively to help Christians in the Soviet Union who are being persecuted. A letter from two Russian Orthodox churchmen, Father Gleb Yakunin and Father Lev Regelson, both of Moscow, has been sent to the council with a plea for help.

While the matter is certain to be discussed by the assembly, WCC sources have defended the council against accusations of inaction. They emphasized that the question had been raised on many occasions and direct representations had been made to the Soviet Government usually without response.

As the WCC has member churches in the Soviet Union and in East Europe, the integrity of these churches must be accepted. However, the receipt of an appeal from inside the Soviet Union as distinct from those from bodies outside that country, strengthens the case for further representation.

The latest letter, which has attracted wide interest among delegates urges them to initiate specific action, ranging from prayer meetings to sending protest letters to bring the persecution of Russian Christians to international attention.

It also asks the WCC to press for permission for "exhausted" Christians to emigrate from the Soviet Union somewhere where they would be allowed to work and observe their religion in peace.

It calls for action to end psychiatric torture and for pressure on the Soviet Government to permit the circulation of the Bible and other religious literature.

In 1965, Father Yakunin was the co-author of an open letter on the internal situation of the Russian Orthodox Church. He was suspended as a priest but last spring he published a protest against the declaration of Easter as a working day, for which he was threatened with dismissal.

The two Russian churchmen criticize the WCC for failing to raise its voice against past persecutions of Christians in the Soviet Union, and in Albania.

"The persecutors of Christians are now extraordinarily concerned about their international reputation, they are trying very hard to prevent any possible protest—for example by slandering the confessing Christians". In view of this, the letter calls for an international protest campaign against the persecution of Christians.

Rivals embrace as Surinam hoists flag of independence

Paramaribo, Nov 25.—Surinam became the world's newest independent state today in a spectacular open-air ceremony marked by the tearful public reconciliation of the country's two main rivals for political power.

Mr Henck Arron, the black Prime Minister, and Mr Jaggernath Lachmon, the Indian Opposition leader, embraced and kissed before thousands of their supporters in a big football stadium here.

The 25,000 people packing the stadium danced and cheered as the Dutch flag was lowered for the last time and the new Surinam tricolour, with a central golden star, was raised and fluttered in the breeze, marking the end of 325 years of colonial domination. Brilliant fireworks lit the night sky.

Fears that the independence celebrations could be marred by violence and bloodshed between politically opposed racial groups were quelled last week when the two leaders put aside their differences to frame a national constitution.

Representatives attending the celebrations included Princess Beatrix of Holland, the last country to rule the 54,000-square mile South American territory.—Reuter.

Mr Fraser delays campaign because of influenza

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Nov 25

Mr Malcolm Fraser, the caretaker Prime Minister, called off his campaign speech today at Moorabbin town hall, in a suburb of Melbourne, because of a severe attack of influenza. He will officially open the campaign in Melbourne on Thursday.

Mr Fraser's doctors ordered him to cancel all engagements today and tomorrow. He developed influenza during his tour to Darwin last week and has had a high temperature since.

It is believed that one of the key policy lines of the Liberals will be a new and higher home savings grant for young people. The Thursday election speech is expected to promise to restore the home savings grant which was $A750 (£468) when it was abolished by the former Labour Government.

It is expected to concentrate on economic issues, and pledge to introduce tax reforms and impose rigid controls on government administration to cut down spending. It is also expected to promise the restoration of the superphosphate bounty for farmers which was abolished by the Labour government.

Mr Fraser said today from his sickbed that he could promise one thing that "Whitlam cannot promise in a thousand years. Responsibility and honesty in government."

He accused Mr Whitlam of ignoring basic bread and butter issues in his policy speech last night. "He ignored young people who can no longer buy homes, the elderly and the retired. He behaved as though the sins of his Government did not exist."

Iceland vow to defend the fishing limit

Continued from page 1

Reykjavik, Nov 25.—Iceland vowed tonight to defend its 200-mile fishing limit "even against the might of the British Navy".

Mr Hallgrimsson, the Prime Minister, denounced Britain's decision to send frigates into the zone as "unmasked armed violence" and called it "a striking violation of the Nato Treaty and the Helsinki Declaration". He conceded that his country's Coast Guard, which has only three small patrol vessels, was no match for the powerful frigates.—Reuter.

Our Agricultural Correspondent writes: Government officials in London made a point of trying to discredit Icelandic reports about depletion of fish stocks. They said that the publication in Iceland of scientific evidence immediately before a meeting with the British Government was intriguing.

The similarity between that supposedly impartial evidence and the demands of the Icelandic Government was remarkable. The combination of timing and content was highly suspect.

The British Government is determined to stop Iceland turning an argument about what Britain regards as international waters into one about Icelandic rights alone.

Mr Crosland in Japan

Tokyo, Nov 25.—Mr Crosland, the Environment Secretary, arrived here today for a six-day visit at the invitation of the Japanese Government.

Atomic physicist to head Soviet Academy

Moscow, Nov 25.—The Soviet Academy of Sciences elected Dr Anatoly Alexandrov, a nuclear physicist, as its president today to replace Dr Mstislav Keldysh, who resigned in May because of ill health, Tass reported.

Dr Alexandrov has been head of the Kurchatov atomic research institute since 1960 and has been closely associated with work on atomic-powered engines for submarines and ice-breakers. He takes over from Mr Vladimir Kotelnikov, a radio physicist, who has been standing in as president.

At 72, Dr Alexandrov is older than either Mr Kotelnikov or Dr Keldysh. He is also a member of the Communist Party Central Committee.—Reuter.

Indonesia tightens drug legislation

Jakarta, Nov 25.—Life imprisonment and a fine of 50m rupiahs (about £60,000) for the improper use of drugs or drug trafficking are to be introduced in Indonesia under planned legislation.—Reuter.

Correction

An agency report in *The Times* on Friday stated that Mr Ahmadu Suka, the Nigerian High Commissioner in London, had been forbidden to return to his post by a tribunal investigating cement contracts. Mr Suka in fact returned on Thursday.

Moroccan monarch gives hint on future of Gibraltar

King Hassan is waiting for Algeria to make war over Sahara

From Robert Fisk
Rabat, Nov 25

King Hassan of Morocco, elated by the success of his country's peaceful march into the Spanish Sahara and by Spain's subsequent decision to cede the territory to Morocco and Mauritania, today said he would not be surprised if Algeria made war on him.

Morocco was also prepared, if necessary, for a long struggle with Algerian-backed guerrillas in the desert, he told a televised press conference.

Referring to President Boumedienne's expressed determination not to allow Morocco to take over the phosphate-rich desert, King Hassan, speaking in a palace hall thronged with uniformed Army officers, said that if the Algerian leader's statements were to be taken seriously, he was "waiting for Algeria to make war on us". He went on: "If the Algerian Government decides to make war, I would not really be surprised."

King Hassan also made vague but none the less worrying suggestions about his country's future policy towards Gibraltar. If Spain were to gain possession of Gibraltar, he said, then Ceuta and Melilla, the two Spanish enclaves in North Africa, would be returned to Morocco.

There has for some days been speculation in Rabat that the ceding of the two towns was also part of the Sahara agreement. The King strenuously denied that any secret deals had been entered into over Gibraltar but added later: "I am sorry for our British friends but logically Gibraltar must also go back to Spain."

The King announced his press conference nearly a week ago and therefore had plenty of time to weigh the implications and possible results of his words. Indeed, the Moroccan Government paid the expenses of a number of journalists who were invited to Rabat this morning. Since he has until now remained particularly reticent about Moroccan-Algerian relations, the King's statements deserve to be taken with some seriousness.

He showed contempt for the Algerian Government, saying that the Algerian population had not had an opportunity to express its opinion's even though the country was called a "democratic popular republic". Its Government would "have to remember that wars are made not only with armies but with people".

Answering questions, King Hassan said the Polisario guerrillas—who have already been in action against Moroccan troops—would put up a long struggle. "We'll have the Polisario on our backs for a long time", he said, "but in the desert the military advantage is in our favour. But if the Polisario became too strong, war could erupt in the Sahara."

On Gibraltar, he said that Ceuta and Melilla would "immediately and automatically" be given to Morocco if Spain gained Gibraltar. "We believe in settling disputes by negotiation", he said, "but we have all the time in the world. Ultimately Ceuta and Melilla will come back to us.

"I am sorry for our British friends but logically Gibraltar must also go back to Spain. Meanwhile we will continue to supply Gibraltar with Moroccan labour, water, fresh fruit and vegetables." Morocco, the King said, did not want to be "trouble-makers in the Mediterranean".

The King was also asked about allegations in British newspapers that he and his family were involved in the production of hashish which had found its way to Britain. He said the allegations were false, that they had been made by President Boumedienne, and that he did not own the land referred to in the British press.

Rabat newspapers this morning carried reports that the British and Moroccan police had cooperated in an attempt to stop hashish smuggling, although they gave no further details.

Our Madrid Correspondent writes: Spain, Morocco and Mauritania began putting their three-power agreement on the Sahara into effect today as Spanish troops once again encircled the native quarter of the capital, El Aaiun, with tanks and barbed wire.

The Moroccan Lieutenant Governor, Mr Ahmed Bensuda, conferred with the Spanish Governor, Lieutenant Colonel Gomez de Salazar in the capital, while they awaited the arrival of the Mauritanian Lieutenant Governor, Mr Abdullah Ould Cheij.

The arrival of Mr Bensuda, director of King Hassan's privy council, caused a stir among the Saharan people. He came by car, in a convoy of 50 vehicles with about 100 civilian assistants, accompanied by a heavily armed Moroccan military escort. Spanish troops were obliged to remove mines from the main road between Tarfaya, the jump-off point of the celebrated "Green March" and El Aaiun to let the convoy pass. A Moroccan television team carefully recorded the trip on film and tape.

Fire held back on Los Angeles outskirts

Los Angeles, Nov 25.—Firemen were hopeful today that they could contain huge fires threatening the Los Angeles district. The fires have already destroyed more than 57,000 acres of rural woodlands, forcing thousands to flee their homes and sending a thick pall of smoke over the city.

No major injuries have been reported, but people with respiratory ailments have been advised to keep away.

Two big fires, burning about 20 miles apart in the San Gabriel mountains, have destroyed more than 20 homes and damaged more than 30 others.

The largest blaze, in the big Tujunga Canyon of Angeles National Forest about 20 miles north of central Los Angeles, was reported today to be about 50 per cent surrounded, mostly on the crucial residential front. Officials expressed optimism that the 1,800 firefighters could surround it by nightfall.

The Tujunga fire had charred 45,500 acres of valuable chaparral (scrubland) that was dried to near explosive flammability by six months of hot, nearly rainless weather.

"Everything looks good", said Mr Jim Unterwegner of the United States Forest Service. "The wind is staying down, and the acreage is pretty stable. We're hopeful we can get a line around most of it before the wind comes up tonight. So far it has been less than forecast for this morning".

A second big fire was about 25 per cent contained after racing across 12,000 acres in the Mount Baldy winter recreation area 35 miles north-east of central Los Angeles.

About 150 homes and cabins in the area were evacuated for a time, but, as in the big Tujunga fire area, most residents were returning to their homes as the flames burned away from populated areas and into back country.—AP.

ANC leader in London talks about Rhodesia

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr Elliott Gabellah, one of the senior members of the African National Council (ANC) in Rhodesia, had two sessions of talks at the Foreign Office yesterday, first with Mr David Ennals, Minister of State, and then with Sir Anthony Duff, Deputy Under Secretary responsible for African affairs.

Dr Gabellah, who supports Bishop Muzorewa's wing of the ANC, said his discussions were "very fruitful" but declined to be drawn on whether he would support an agreement between Mr Smith and Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the other wing of the ANC.

Nearly a million Japanese to strike

From Our Correspondent
Tokyo, Nov 25

The biggest post-war strike is threatening to cripple Japan as Korokyo (the council of government workers' unions) ordered a 10-day walkout of its 870,000 members beginning tomorrow.

Defying Government warnings, Korokyo is calling the strike to force the state to grant public workers the right to strike of which they were deprived in 1948.

The two railway unions, with a membership of 280,000, are to bring all 18,000 passenger trains and 5,000 freight trains to a halt, affecting 19 million people and nearly a million tons of freight daily.

Something like 100 million letters and other postal articles will have piled up in the first four days of the strike as the postal and telecommunications unions tell their 480,000 workers to stay away from work.

Transport in the big cities, including Tokyo, operated by private railway corporations will stop functioning from tomorrow while employees of Japan Airlines and local government will similarly answer the strike call.

Korokyo decided on the walkout primarily because of the Government's "betrayal" of a promise, made in the autumn of 1974 by the then Tanaka Government that the issue of conferring strike rights on public corporation and government enterprise workers would be resolved "by the autumn of 1975."

While Mr Takeo Miki, the Prime Minister, is reported to be inclined to go some way towards meeting the union demand, the hawkish leadership of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, has stood absolutely opposed to the granting to Korokyo members of any right to strike, conditional or otherwise.

Behind the demand for strike rights is a long history of bitter union struggles which go back to the early postwar days under Allied occupation. Full collective bargaining rights had been granted to all workers of both private and public sectors under a new labour law immediately after the war.

In 1948, however, after an abortive general strike in February of the previous year the Government sanctioned an ordinance prohibiting public sector workers from striking.

Helsinki pact quoted in Czech 'open letter'

Prague, Nov 25.—An open letter to the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly from three members of the 1968 parliament has called for the withdrawal of Soviet troops stationed in the country and the extension of full human rights to all Czechoslovak citizens.

The letter, made available to Western correspondents here, said the situation in Czechoslovakia was in open contradiction to the provisions of the Helsinki declaration on human rights and basic liberties. It called on the state's supreme legislative body to remedy the situation as soon as possible.

It was signed by Mr Frantisek Kriegel, Mrs Gertruda Sekaninova-Cakrtova and Mr Frantisek Vodslon who were the only MPs to vote against the "Agreement on the Temporary Stationing of Soviet Armed Forces on the Czechoslovak Territory", approved on December 13, 1968. The progressive regime of Mr Alexander Dubcek had been brought down by the Soviet invasion the previous August.

The letter said that the final Helsinki document, signed by all the Warsaw Pact countries that sent troops into Czechoslovakia in August, 1968, condemned such action unequivocally.

The agreement on the stationing of Soviet forces had been drawn up under the menace of heavily-armed troops, the letter said. It was therefore invalid according to international law. The writers asked the Federal Assembly to discuss the agreement and the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

The letter also asked the assembly to review all laws, rules, directives and recommendations that restricted the freedom of citizens, and to put the laws of the country in accordance with the Helsinki principles.

"The Federal Assembly cannot ignore that, after the events of 1968, an important part of the country's population suffered hard reprisals", it said. "They were infringements of human rights and basic liberties affecting hundreds of thousands of citizens and their families." Some people were still in jail for their political beliefs.

Moscow: Dr Husak, the Czechoslovak President, arrived here today at the start of a 10-day state visit described by the Soviet press as a milestone in bilateral relations. President Podgorny, Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, and Mr Kosygin, the Prime Minister, were all at the airport to greet him.—Reuter.

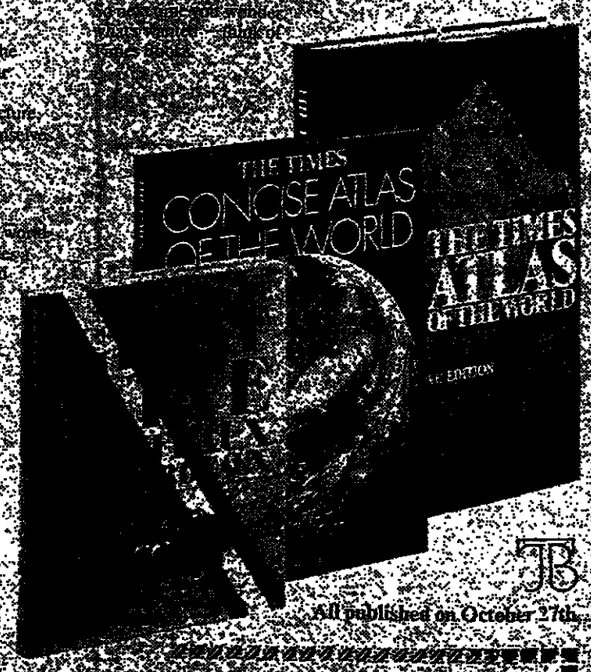
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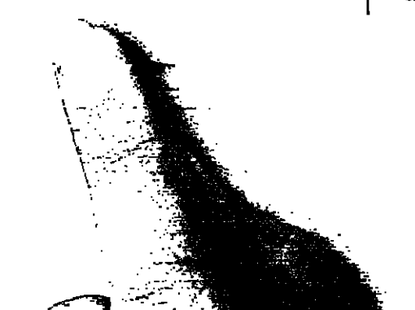
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om Fred Emery shington, Nov 25

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rivately, Dr Kissinger pairs—because of congres- nal opposition—of doing re than the apparently in- stantial covert arms aid nelled to the Roberto Hold- forces through Zaire.

Dr Kissinger publicly con- med the possibility of his eting Soviet leaders before end of the year. But he d that nothing was firm; in y case he connected such a eting primarily with the adlock in the strategic arms gotiations.

In a speech last night to the roit Economic Club, Dr ssinger had already warned Soviet Union against aining detente and pro- ated the continuation of vig- ous American intelligence erations, in spite of past cesses.

Of Angola and detente he said: "Time is running out. Continuation of an interventionist policy must inevitably threaten other relationships." He singled out Cuba, which the Administration accuses of sending up to 2,500 troops to Angola for a special warning. The new American policy of conciliation towards Dr Castro, he said, would not survive "Cuban meddling" in Africa or Latin America.

All of this reflected a considerable stiffening of the Administration's public concern towards Angola which it had seemed content to let drift. The prospect of victory for the Soviet-backed MPLA has prompted a domino type reflex in Dr Kissinger. He is concerned that African leaders who a decade ago saw American backing as a key to success, will now conclude that Soviet support is the wave of the future. Perhaps that is why he also announced today that next year he hopes to make his first visit to Africa in the seven years he has been in government.

Counterattacking after the Senate committee's publication of American involvement in foreign assassination plots, Dr Kissinger last night insisted that "We must resist the myth that government is a gigantic conspiracy."

He added: "We cannot allow the intelligence services of this country to be dismantled." Dr Kissinger admitted all institutions could be "cleansed" and abuses overcome. But he declared: "In a world where totalitarian government can manipulate friendly political parties there is a grey area between foreign policy and overt intervention which we edeny ourselves only at grave risk to our national security." Of course, the United States does not so deny itself.

At his news conference today, he also denounced as a "disgrace" an editorial in the current issue of *Aviation Week and Space Technology* which accused President Ford and himself of deceiving the public over Soviet "violations" of strategic arms agreements. Dr Kissinger recently gained, in this dispute, the backing of Dr James Schlesinger, the dismissed Defence Secretary, who agreed that whatever violations could be complained of were of the spirit rather than the letter of the agreements.

Dr Kissinger insisted that there was not a single "alleged" violation that had not been taken up with the Soviet Union. He also insisted that the Soviet Union could not build up an irresistible advantage over the United States through Salt violations.

Disagreeing with a report in *The New York Times*, he said that he had not given up pursuit of a Golan Heights agreement between Syria and Israel.

Mr Karami tries again to end Beirut bloodshed

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Nov 25

Mr Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, tried again today to start political talks among the warring factions as street fighting in the capital continued without respite.

In a carefully worded address to Parliament aimed at healing the wounds opened by the latest outbreak of war in the streets, he appealed to all to help end the bloodshed.

Violence in the streets prevented half the 99 members of the Chamber of Deputies from attending the session. Most of those who turned up arrived in armoured personnel carriers or bullet proof cars, with bodyguards armed with automatic weapons at their side. Mr Camille Chamoun, the Interior Minister, was flanked by two of his militiamen as he entered the chamber.

As Mr Karami spoke, a fierce gun battle erupted in Martyrs' Square, scene of some of the most intense fighting in the past few days, only a few hundred yards from Parliament House. Christian and Muslim militiamen battled for control of the square, which is at the top of the "green line" that divides the two communities.

Although there was a mild improvement in the situation in the capital this morning, the streets remained unsafe, with frequent rocket, mortar and machine gun duels erupting in sensitive areas and spreading rapidly.

At least 15 people were killed and 60 wounded in the day's fighting. This was slightly lower than the daily average recorded during the past four days of heavy fighting.

Mr Karami's latest peace pleas were obviously aimed at creating an atmosphere more conducive to discussions between the bitterly opposed factions. It was in sharp contrast to his tough stand yesterday in which he accused Mr Chamoun and President Franjieh openly of sabotaging his attempts to arrest the rapidly deteriorating situation in the country.

It remained unclear what would be the fate of the National Reconciliation Committee which gave up in despair yesterday after Mr Chamoun and Mr Kamal Jumblatt, the leftist leader, boycotted it. So far no new date has been fixed for the committee, which is made up of all shades of political opinion, to meet again.

Urging the political leaders to make a serious attempt to get down to the basic issues of the crisis, Mr Karami said force was no solution.

He also rejected any talk of partition of the country between the Christian and Muslim populations. "What we must do now is to talk to each other and agree on political, economic and social reforms", he said. After that the Government could work with the Palestinian guerrillas on the questions of security and sovereignty.

By nightfall the situation in the capital had again deteriorated with clashes spreading to most of the areas that had been the scene of heavy fighting in the past four days. "Things are getting worse by the minute and more and more armed men are appearing on the streets", an officer at the security headquarters reported.



Under cover: leftist gunmen in Beirut use umbrellas to keep off the rain.

Guilty Afrikaans poet apologizes to court

From Nicholas Ashford
Pretoria, Nov 25

Mr Breyten Breytenbach, the Afrikaans poet and writer, was today found guilty of conspiring to overthrow the South African Government. In a three-minute summing up, Mr Justice Cillie told a packed courtroom in Pretoria that the prosecution had shown beyond reasonable doubt that Mr Breytenbach had taken part in "terroristic acts" between December, 1972, and August, 1975. Sentence is expected to be passed tomorrow.

Mr Breytenbach, who pleaded guilty to a main charge under the Terrorism Act when the trial started on Friday, faces a minimum of five years in prison.

In a statement from the witness box after his conviction, Mr Breytenbach apologized for "the ridiculous and stupid things I have done". He said he wanted to "apologize sincerely to the people I have hurt, unintentionally and without knowing, by what I have said or written:

"I specially wish to apologize to the Prime Minister for an insulting poem which was addressed to him", he said. "There was, and is, no justification for it. I am sorry."

Mr Breytenbach explained that his actions were not aimed at South Africa but against that which he considered unjust. He was never motivated by any political ambitions. "I now realize that the way in which I tried to work for the growth of our South African civilization and future, and the methods which I employed, were wrong", he said.

Outlining his personal history, Mr Breytenbach said he had developed a "love-hate" relationship with South Africa during the 13 years he lived in self-imposed exile in Paris with his Vietnamese wife, Yolande. In 1964 his wife's application for a visa to visit South Africa was refused and that was the beginning of his ambivalent relationship with his country.

As an "uprooted boer" in Paris, other exiles were attracted to him and he became committed to their cause. "That which brought us together was apartheid", he said, adding that he gradually became involved in the activities which had led to his appearance in court.

The main charge against Mr Breytenbach was that he helped to found an organization whose aim was to remove the South African Government, by force if necessary, and install a a black regime in its place. The organization was allied to the banned African National Congress whose leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, is serving a life sentence on Robben Island.

Mr Breytenbach ended his statement by thanking the police for the "correct and human way" he was treated. "Their courteous conduct made these traumatic three months bearable for me," he said.

Four more South Africans die on Angolan border

From Our Own Correspondent
Johannesburg, Nov 25

Four more South African soldiers were killed last weekend near the Angolan-South-West African border, defence headquarters announced today. A captain, two non-commissioned officers and a trooper died in a "hot pursuit" action against "terrorists," the statement added.

It claimed that 15 guerrillas were also killed and a considerable quantity of weapons and ammunition of Soviet origin captured. Significantly, this is the first time South African officials have mentioned "hot pursuit" in a defence communiqué, giving a clear impression that the troops had crossed over the border into Angola.

No further details about the "terrorists" were given although it is presumed they were members of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) which has been operating from inside the Angolan border. The latest deaths bring to nine the number of South African servicemen killed along the border in the past two weeks. A further five died in the border area last month.

The sharp increase in the casualty rate has reinforced suspicions here that the South African forces are involved in more than just policing the border. Although allegations that South Africa is intervening on the side of the Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) and the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) against the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) are still officially denied. It seems evident that the FNLA/Unita force which has been advancing towards Luanda from the south is receiving more than just moral support from South Africa.

The Defence Department declined to comment on an MPLA claim that it had captured black South African troops.

Luanda, Nov 25.—MPLA forces have fought pitched battles with troops from an armoured column which has penetrated Angolan territory from South Africa, its military headquarters announced here today.

The MPLA's military wing said that fierce fighting with the column, said to be spearheaded by South African mercenaries, took place "recently" about 250 miles south of Luanda. Eighty troops of the armoured column were killed, it claimed, in battles around Gabela, a town in the coffee-growing province of Cuanza Sul. It added that a number of South Africans were taken prisoner.—Agence France Presse.

Lagos, Nov 25.—Nigeria today recognized the MPLA as the government of Angola, an official announcement said.—Reuter.

Senator sees no plan to aid New York

om Frank Vogl
ited States Economics
respondent

ashington, Nov 25

Senator William Proxmire, airman of the Senate committee on banking, housing urban affairs, stated today at none of the United States overnment departments concerned with domestic affairs "any specific contingency ans to meet what could be re disaster for the citizens of ew York" if the city went nkrupt.

He had written to the departents of the Treasury, Housg, Health Education and Welre, Agriculture, Transportaon and Defence. Their replies ated that no plans had been epared to alleviate any posble social hardship that could rise if the city ran out of sh to support its essential rvices.

The senator concluded that within a few days or weeks it ay be impossible for the city d the state of New York to aintain public order, for vital rvices to continue, or for the tizens . . . to live without great danger to their health, elfare and safety".

The senator's conclusion may ll be overly alarmist. The esident has publicly stated at the Federal Government ll ensure that essential ser- es are continued in New York in the event of default. Numerous government departments have powers to provide relief to the city and they would almost certainly use them should a crisis develop.

The Federal Reserve Board has stated that it has contingency plans to ensure that the solvency of the banking system is maintained. The Securities and Exchange Commission has contingency plans of its own for the securities markets in the event of a panic, according to informed sources.

The senator's statement does, however, highlight the rensseness of the situation. At the very best it appears that New York City has the cash to maintain services until December 11. Unless President Ford acts in the next couple of days and suggests what form of federal assistance he would support, it might be too late for the Government to do anything substantial to prevent a grave situation developing if the city defaults.

Congress is now powerless to act without the President giving a lead. Congressional action even with Mr Ford's support, is threatened because some conservatives, such as Senator James Allen, of Alabama, are determined to prevent government assistance to the city and could delay congressional action.

Slogans painted on statue of Churchill

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Nov 25

Three men were caught redhanded outside the British Embassy here last night painting a slogan on the pavement and the plinth of the statue of Sir Winston Churchill.

One of the men is Mr Phillip Berrigan, a former Roman Catholic priest, who played a role in the anti-war movement in the 1960s and was the target of much Nixonian hostility.

The slogan on the plinth, which has now been removed, read "Disarm or dig graves", and was apparently sprayed on with red paint. Mr Berrigan was arrested by the Executive Protection Service and charged with destroying the property of a foreign government.

The relevance of Mr Berrigan's slogan to the British Government or to Sir Winston Churchill is not immediately apparent. This is not the first pacific but troublesome gesture that he has made in Washington recently.

25 drowned

Lagos, Nov 25.—Twenty-five members of a religious sect were feared drowned after a boat caught fire while crossing a lagoon at Epe.

Syria's stiff terms for buffer force

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Nov 25

Israel today gave its consent to the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations disengagement observer force on the Golan Heights but rejected preconditions laid down by Syria for agreement to the extension.

The decision was announced by Mr Yigal Allon, the Foreign Minister, at Lod airport where he was seeing off Dr Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, after further rounds of fruitless talks last night and this morning.

Dr Waldheim, who arrived from Damascus yesterday with "concrete suggestions" from President Assad's Government, found the Israel leaders unwilling to discuss anything but the unconditional renewal of the mandate. He flew to Cairo to keep President Sadat informed of the exchanges.

Speaking to the press at the airport, Dr Waldheim siad the Syrians were seeking "substantial progress in the negotiating field" as justification for the presence of the peacekeeping force of 1,200 troops on the Glan Heights.

They wanted an overall settlement of all aspects of the Middle East question including the Palestinian problem. In Israel he had discussed ideas for overcoming the differences between the sides but a return trip to Damascus was necessary.

Mr Allon, disclosing Israel's willingness to extend the mandate, gave warning that an extension should not have military or political strings attached. He pointed out that Israel had offered repeatedly since the 1973 war to negotiate with Syria without preconditions according to Security Council resolution 338 (which calls for negotiations between the disputing parties) but that Syrian leaders had stated they were not interested in negotiations.

The Syrian preconditions, it is reliably understood, are directed to the Security Council rather than to Israel. They call on the council to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization to hear its case, to emulate the General Assembly by recognizing "inalienable Palestinian rights", to ensure an Israel withdrawal from the Golan Heights and to "determine the peace requirements in the area".

Chinese campaign to breed more pigs

om David Bonavia
king, Nov 25

More pigs should be going market in China, according to authoritative statement the Peking party press. Comine officials have been rned not to discourage the asants from breeding pigs ivately as this is an important ntribution to the supply of th meat and fertilizer.

The pig is the doyen of ina's farmyard animals. ized above all other meats, rk is also the source of portant export earnings. Byoducts such as bristles and ings help to finance the port of airliners and grain, ong other things.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung has praised the pig as "a small-scale organic fertilizer factory". Although no statistics are published, it is clear that pigs bred on the peasants' private plots make up an important share of the total. According to whatever political line holds sway in Peking, private breeding may be discouraged as "a capitalist tendency" or promoted as a patriotic act.

Just now, as the country embarks on a new campaign to modernize its agriculture, the policy is to encourage more collective breeding, but not at the expense of the private sector. Today's official admonition stated this in so many words.

The main problem is that Chinese pigs eat mostly grain and husks although foliage and pond weed are used to supplement them. Evidently many communes have been reluctant to feed grain to pigs, closing their eyes to the fact that the resultant manure means still more grain in the following year.

There has been a tendency to avoid collecting pig manure because people think the chemical fertilizer industry will fill the gap, but this is still far from being the case.

Mr Callaghan tells Kuwait inflation is being defeated

Kuwait, Nov 25.—Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in this Gulf state from Saudi Arabia today and gave an assurance that Britain was winning the battle against inflation.

British sources said Mr Callaghan told his Kuwait counterpart, Shaikh Sabah al-Ahmad, during a two-hour meeting that he was confident the inflation rate could be reduced to single figures by the end of 1976. Oil ministers of the Gulf cite Western inflation as the chief reason for increasing their oil prices.

Shaikh Sabah told Mr Callaghan that Kuwait would welcome an expansion of trade with Britain.

Mr Callaghan brought no specific plans for British projects in Kuwait, like those he took to Saudi Arabia. The Kuwait Government has an investment office in London, which handles a great deal of oil money.

According to the sources, the Kuwait Government's dispute with British Petroleum and Gulf Oil over the Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) did not come up during the talks today.

The Kuwait Government, which already owns 60 per cent of KOC, wants to take over the remaining 40 per cent from the two companies but negotiations on the terms were deadlocked earlier this month.—Reuter.

Moscow may put pressure on PLO chief

From Edmund Stevens
Moscow, Nov 25

A new round in the sporadic Soviet efforts towards reconvening the Geneva Middle East peace conference seems to be getting under way with the arrival in Moscow of Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Since his rather inconclusive visit here last spring, the Kremlin has upgraded the PLO by endorsing the "national rights" of the Palestinians. But Mr Arafat's reception this time is still low key: no photographs or biographies in the press, just two brief sentences in *Pravda* headed "Guests from Palestine" reporting his arrival and modest welcome at the airport. No red carpet, guard of honour, or car procession.

Arab sources here predict that the Soviet ploy this time will be to try to persuade Mr Arafat to reconsider his uncompromising stance and come round to the Soviet position that all Middle East states have a right to exist, including Israel. The Russians fully realize that so long as the Palestinians refuse to accept this, a resumption of the Geneva negotiations is impossible.

Israel's recognition of the PLO, and willingness to sit down at the table with them, would be the counterpart. To this end, the Soviet Union would expect Washington to accord the PLO some kind of recognition and persuade the Israelis to relent.

The next move in the drama envisages all parties going to Geneva on an equal footing without preconditions. To facilitate this, the Russians have muted their attacks on the Sinai disengagement.

All this may sound farfetched or over-optimistic, but the more moderate Arab observers here, including Egyptians, believe that if the two co-chairmen of the Geneva conference use their power effectively it could come about. Moscow is especially anxious to regain the initiative in the Middle East.

The chances of positive developments during the present Arafat visit seem favoured by the presence of Mr Faruk al-Kaddumi, sometimes referred to as the PLO's foreign minister. Though tough and combative, he is reputed to be more flexible than his difficult chief.

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Changing of the Guard only in the summer

House of Commons

MR HUNT (Bromley, Ravensbourne, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Defence would take steps to ensure that the changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace could be fully maintained on a daily basis during 1976.

MR ROBERT BROWN, Under Secretary for the Army (Newcastle upon Tyne, West, Lab)—Regrettably the level of operational and other unavoidable commitments falling on the Guards Division and other troops will not permit the changing of the guard ceremony at Buckingham Palace to take place daily throughout the year.

However, every effort will be made to ensure that the ceremony takes place daily during April to September which is the main tourist season.

MR HUNT—Does he realize the intense disappointment caused to tourists and many other visitors to London who come to the Palace only to find that there is no ceremony on that day? Surely our defences must be in an even more parlous state than we had imagined if we cannot muster a handful of men just once a day to perform this ceremony which is such a major tourist attraction for our country?

MR BROWN—He underestimates the effort that goes into the Changing of the Guard ceremony. While the primary role of the Household troops in London is the performance of public duties it is necessary to train for operational duty and to allow for periodic leave. Additionally, there is the commitment in respect of security duties particularly in Northern Ireland and with the United Nations forces.

MR LIPTON (Lambeth, Central, Lab)—How much does it cost to put this ceremony on? It is one of the main tourist attractions in London and his indecisive reply that we are going to have it for one month on alternate days or at times when the public are not informed beforehand is going to cause a lot of disappointment to children and adults. (Cheers.)

MR BROWN—I could not give offhand how much it costs but whatever the cost it is well worth it. The majority of people of this country would agree with me. Mr Lipton is being less than fair in suggesting that we are simply going to have the Changing of the Guard ceremony at odd intervals. We will do it throughout the summer tourist season.

MR TOWNSEND (Bexley, Bexleyheath, C)—Can I persuade the minister to review the situation? No less than 100 regular troops are employed on guard duty at London and Windsor on an average day. It is time that some of these duties, particularly in winter, are taken over by such personnel as Beefeaters. It is high time that fit, experienced and well trained soldiers were employed on operational duties and not solely on static ceremonial duty.

MR BROWN—We have just about got it right.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, second reading. Motion on Prevention of Terrorism 1974 Act (Continuance) (No 2) Order.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Debate on the Queen's Speech: concluded.

UK unity the essence and inspiration of devolution proposals

MR DALYELL (West Lothian, Lab), during questions to the Prime Minister on devolution, said: Will he bring all his powers of scepticism to bear on the oversimplistic approach of certain polls purporting to give the views of the Scottish people?

If we are asked in the vaguest terms, do we want more say in our own affairs we naturally say "Yes". If the question is put—do we want to pay more rates and taxes for yet another centralized bureaucracy in Edinburgh the answer is "No".

MR HAROLD WILDON (Huyton, Lab)—Yes.

MR THORPE (North Devon, L)—Would he satisfy the curiosity of people in Scotland and outside whether it be the fact that television commentators and newspaper reporters today received a copy of the report on devolution?

It is incredible that on Thursday MPs in all parts will be asked to give instant judgment on a highly complicated document which the press and media have been able to study for an indefinite period. (Cheers.)

MR WILSON—I will inquire into what Mr Thorpe has said. I do not know the answer. It is a serious question.

The question of confidential early revises has been in force for many years under successive governments. I have been critical of it, sometimes for the reasons Mr Thorpe mentions.

I know there is concern in the House not least because some of the revises find their way into the hands of certain MPs and not others which creates great unfairness.

MR DONALD STEWART (Western Isles, Scot Nat)—On the Prime Minister's next visit to Scotland what will his alibi be for the sell-out of the promise of a devolution Bill?

MR WILSON—There is no sell-out on devolution. The White Paper will be published on Thursday. We want the House to have an early opportunity for a full debate upon it. We want a great national debate in Scotland, Wales and England—in Britain.

We propose to introduce this session a Bill which reflects our decisions in the light of that debate. We would hope we can make some progress on it. I cannot be certain—it depends on the House—what progress we make.

We certainly intend at the beginning of the next session to introduce the Bill and to see it into law.

MR GOURLAY (Kirkcaldy, Lab)—The Prime Minister's words last Thursday on devolution created a great deal of disappointment among Labour Party members and the electorate in Scotland. Will he make an early visit to Scotland to announce the date of the elections for the assembly?

MR WILSON—I do not believe that the people of Scotland or Labour Party members in Scotland want to see the matter rushed without proper consultation with them so they can express a view on what will be a full and complicated White Paper. Neither would they want to deny to the people of Wales and England the right to express their views on it.

We shall then at the earliest possible moment—there will be no avoidable delay—introduce the legislation and debate it in this session. We hope with the good will of the House that it will become law in the next parliamentary session.

MR WHITELAW, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and spokesman on devolution: Penrith and the Border, C)—We believe on these benches it is right to have a major debate on the whole devolution prospect. Two tests will be applied to the Government's proposals as put forward on Thursday.

First, will they ensure the unity of the United Kingdom in the future or lead to its disruption; secondly, will they lead to more effective and efficient government for all the people of all parts of the United Kingdom?

Will these two tests be met by the Government's proposals?

MR WILSON—This is an important subject and must be fully examined. On the question of the unity of the United Kingdom the answer is "Yes". This is the whole essence and inspiration of the White Paper, as Mr Whitelaw will discover.

On the question of whether it provides effective and efficient organization in the interests of the people who are governed within these islands . . . (A shout of "What about Scotland?") Scotland is part of one of these islands.

It will be for the House to say, when they see the White Paper, whether the criteria set out by Mr Whitelaw are met. I hope they are.

It is based on the unity of our country with the maximum possible devolution of control over their own affairs to Scotland and Wales.

Programme that will do nothing but damage

SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (East Surrey, C), resuming the debate on the Queen's Speech, moved an amendment to the Address which said:—

"But humbly regret that the Gracious Speech contains no practical policies to solve the United Kingdom's serious financial and economic problems, but proposes measures which only increase the powers of a centralized bureaucracy and diminish the freedom of the citizen."

He said the inadequacy of the economic policies foreshadowed in the Queen's Speech was made clear by the confusion and complacency of the Prime Minister's backward-looking speech. Mr Wilson's speech was one he must have made so many times before that it was a wonder how Shakespeare ever came to conclude that old men forget.

In human terms the striking and yet inescapable feature must be the high and rising level of unemployment. There was the continuing stagnation of production and the inescapable reduction in the nation's living standards imposed by the continuing rise in oil prices. The Prime Minister made some reference to that. It was a pity he was not prepared to do so 21 months ago.

There was also the continuing substantial deficit in Britain's balance of trade when other countries had long since ceased to be content with meeting their non-oil deficit. Britain's deficit of £2,000m was almost exactly equal to that expected for all the OECD countries taken together.

The state was taking and spending more than 60 per cent of the nation's total wealth, a state of affairs which made industrial recovery impossible and placed on the shoulders of the people of this country a burden of taxation and control which was, and would be seen to be, intolerable. (Conservative cheers.)

Formidable threat

All these factors added up to a formidable threat to the survival of civilized existence in a democratic society. Britain was still close to the brink and there was little prospect of moving away from that brink without leadership of a different order from that the Prime Minister sought to display last week — (renewed Conservative cheers)—still less if the nation had to face the kind of programme foreshadowed in the Queen's Speech.

The Prime Minister spoke as if he bore no responsibility for the present situation. There was a time when he seemed to claim credit for almost everything, but not today. He once had the confidence of an impresario in a television quiz show. He had now assumed the mantle of a Soviet historian anxious only to expunge tracks of the past. (Labour protests and Conservative cheers.)

Contained in the Queen's Speech was a series of measures which had shattered whatever confidence had been implanted as a result of the Chequers conference, a series of measures which so far from doing any good would do nothing but damage in their desperate situation.

The nationalization of the aircraft and shipbuilding industries would serve only to add to the size of a grossly mismanaged and flatulent public sector. The extension of the dock labour scheme, literally for miles beyond anything that would be recognized as a dock, was a charter for the extension of anarchy and blackmail.

The removal, if the Government had their way, of any right for trade unionists to have an independent right of appeal against expulsion or exclusion from their trade union, a right proposed even by the last Labour Government, was an absolute licence for tyranny. The maintenance and extension of price control was a prescription for the extinction of profits and destruction of jobs.

The Government should abandon many of the measures in the Queen's Speech which were expensive, provocative and wholly irrelevant to the needs of the nation. They should adopt in their place policies which gave some substance to the Chequers declaration.

If profits, jobs and confidence were to be restored, industry was entitled to look to the Government for practical measures, acceptance of the Sandilands report, relaxation instead of tightening of price control, deeds instead of words and deeds of the right kind.

In the circumstances in which Britain found herself, it was inescapable that living standards could not be maintained but that for a time prices were bound to have to rise faster than wages. That was why there must be plain recognition of the continuing menace of inflation.

Let the Prime Minister (he said) and other members of the Government stop speaking, as they do, only of a few months of hardship, only of the need to give a year for Britain. It will be a much longer haul than that. It is time for the Government to stop raising false expectations and stop looking for false dawns.

Cuts inescapable

They welcomed the recognition on the Prime Minister's part that an old-fashioned Keynesian reflation would be disastrous. If that message had sunk in, the Opposition would be prepared to look more sympathetically at more selective measures.

Let the Chancellor (he said) remain resolute in opposition to any general reflation. He can count on our support if he maintains that. (Labour laughter.)

It was time for the Chancellor and his colleagues to come clean about public expenditure. Substantial cuts were inescapable.

The present situation was the result of the Government's incontinence. In the two years since the Conservatives left office, public spending had increased by 67 per cent while prices had risen only 47 per cent. It was folly for the Chancellor to believe that he could postpone further action on public spending cuts for another 18 months.

The Government should drop further nationalization plans, start reducing subsidies and explain the widespread nature of the cuts in public spending which would be necessary. The country could no longer continue running into deficit at the rate of £300 a family a year without hurtling on the course to disaster.

The Opposition would give firm support to any policies in the interests of the nation. They stood ready to adopt such policies themselves. But they would call for support from all parts of the House in condemnation of the measures foreshadowed in the Queen's Speech which failed to measure up to the appalling perils facing the people because of price inflation.

The measures showed no understanding of the immense threat to investment and employment, the continued and uncontrolled growth of public spending and the dependence on borrowed money.

Chancellor rules out increases in tax: substantial cuts in public expenditure necessary

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab) said in the short-term the key to Britain's problems was control of inflation. The record was encouraging. Between June and October the retail price index had risen only 3.9 per cent. This meant inflation had been running at well under half the rate in the first half of this year. As he had predicted in the Budget the annual inflation rate in the second half of the year would be between 12 per cent and 16 per cent.

So far, the £6 pay limit had not had a marked impact on the inflation rate but if they had not reached agreement on this in July they would have seen inflation taking off again at the beginning of next year. The year on year rate of inflation should drop steadily throughout 1976 to under 10 per cent by the end of the year, providing there was no unacceptable, major increase in import prices meantime.

Three million people had already settled for rises of £6 or less, an impressive record and tribute to the Government's wisdom in seeking a voluntary agreement with the unions rather than relying on legal sanctions against working people.

The balance of payments record was encouraging. It seemed probable that the current deficit in 1975 would be about half that of 1974. They would not only have eliminated the whole massive deficit of non-oil trade inherited in March 1974 but would have covered a third of the £3,000m increase in the cost of oil this year.

They could take pride that they had maintained Britain's share of world trade when competition was more fierce than ever. It would be difficult to maintain this rate of progress in the next year as the expected recovery in output led to increased imports and the rebuilding of stocks. The terms of trade could begin to move against Britain.

Invisible earnings would be reduced by interest on past borrowing. This was one reason why it was right to apply for a loan of £975m available at substantially lower rates of interest than could have been obtained elsewhere under the oil facility before it was exhausted.

But output and employment were less encouraging. There were, however, signs of the major recession bottoming out, with stability in industrial production and retail sales.

Although the major partners at the Rambouillet summit were confident that measures had already been taken to produce a steady increase in economic activity over the next year, increased output would unfortunately take some time to reduce unemployment. The lag would be longer than at the same stage in earlier cycles.

In Britain the rate of increase in unemployment had been falling in recent months. Unemployment was likely to continue to grow, however, for some months into 1976.

It was not possible to plan to reduce unemployment by general reflation which would increase the balance of payments deficit and the public sector borrowing requirement. These increases could not be financed at a time when the inflation rate was still running far above that of our competitors, except in ways that would be destructive of the economy.

The Government would instead save jobs and reduce unemployment by selective measures directed at sectors of the economy which were particularly vulnerable to unemployment in the trough of a depression.

The temporary employment subsidy had already saved 7,500 jobs. Similar methods had been particularly effective for school leavers. There were 3,000 applications within two weeks of the introduction of the recruitment subsidy on October 13. Since August the number of unemployed school leavers had been reduced by three quarters, from 158,000 to 40,000.

There were 93 work creation programmes approved and 13 started. The £20m extra for training programmes included the provision of another 8,000 places, mostly for young people.

About £12m was already committed out of funds to bring forward investment projects which would have otherwise gone abroad. This would produce a total of £69m, a ratio of 6 to 1.

Bottlenecks

Further measures were being considered to save or create further jobs, including selective import controls for industries which would be viable when the world recovery arrived but might otherwise suffer crippling damage during the recession.

Means were also being discussed of avoiding bottlenecks that could frustrate production in 1977 when rapidly increased output might be required. Substantial further expansion of training facilities would also be needed and means were being studied by which those who became redundant in some industries could move to other industries, particularly engineering, for when the upturn in the economy came.

High output, high earnings and full employment could only be achieved if a significant improvement was secured in the performance of manufacturing industry. That primarily depended on investment, which had to be improved.

I hope that no one will imagine (he said) that there is a simple or single answer to the problems of our manufacturing industry. The decline in its relative performance has been pretty continuous since at least the Second World War, irrespective of the rate of inflation, of the rate of return on capital and of decline in profitability.

I hope that both sides can agree on a fundamental syllogism: that we can increase productivity of our industry with new investment if we can make at least as good use of our plant and equipment as our competitors.

Industrialists would be reluctant to undertake new investment unless satisfied that it would bring adequate returns and more investment depended on better use of investment. Better use of investment depended on more investment.

Both sides of industry (he said) are wearing the point where they could strike a bargain to break into this vicious circle.

If we are to get the new investment both sides want, the Government must be sure that the economy is managed so that the resources required for new investment are not preempted by private or public consumption. The central problem was timing.

It must be their intention to ensure that investment rose. When that time came, but only then, there was a danger that the public sector borrowing requirement would crowd out investment, if it remained at its present level.

Warning

There is no doubt in my mind (he said) that emphasis must be put on reduction of planned levels of expenditure since there is little scope for increasing taxation without unacceptable consequences in other directions.

MR NORMAN ATKINSON (Hartlepool, Tottenham, Lab)—There is no reason to start talking about cuts in public expenditure.

MR HEALEY said that Britain, like other countries, must plan to reduce both the general government deficit and the public sector borrowing requirement once recovery got under way. Other countries were planning for it and so must Britain. He must warn Mr Atkinson that if they did not do so the big increase in investment on which he was counting would be physically impossible. There would not be room in the economy for it.

If they tried to reduce the public sector borrowing requirement by increasing taxes the main burden would have to fall on average and below average earners who already carried a heavy load. The tax system had been seriously distorted in recent years.

He was particularly concerned by the extent to which the balance of taxation had shifted from indirect to direct taxes. At a time when the fight against inflation must take priority, it was difficult to increase indirect taxes because of the effect on the cost of living.

The scope for increasing company taxation was clearly limited since much of this would feed through into prices. Capital taxes could make a useful contribution to reducing the PSBR without reducing employment.

There was no escape from it. Income tax must be the main source of additional revenue if they sought to reduce the PSBR by increasing taxation. But income tax was already bearing heavily not only on the average worker but on the low paid.

For all these reasons, the Government must plan for reducing substantially the planned level of public expenditure in the years when recovery was assured and the pressure on resources was bound to reach its peak. He had warned the House in July that public expenditure programmes could not be allowed any significant increase in the two years beyond the reduced level planned for 1976-77.

Cash limits

We must devise (he said) more effective ways of ensuring that programmes, once published, are not exceeded in the event. Local authorities, in particular, under successive governments have been regularly spending far more in constant prices than central Government had down for them. This problem has been made worse by the exceptionally high rates of inflation.

For these reasons the Government had decided to introduce cash limits for those programmes which were appropriate for them. It would be ridiculous to apply cash limits to all programmes. That would mean cutting the old-age pension if people lived longer and reducing unemployment benefit if more people lost their jobs.

Programmes which did not depend on such variable factors would be subject to cash limits in the next financial year.

In particular, the local authorities would not only have cash limits on much of their capital spending but would also have cash limits fixed for the rate support grant. This should mean provided they stuck to their planned programmes there should, on average, be little increase in the rate or rate poundage over the country as a whole.

If the central government attempted to control all local authority expenditure it would not be local government. They must be given some freedom to decide how to spend their money. But three-quarters would be directly controlled by cash limit and the rest would be controlled by the political consequences of exceeding limits and then having to raise the rates so as to pay for the excess.

The Government had taken steps over the last few months, both in providing cash limits and setting up the consultative council between central government and local authorities, to give the best chance they had ever had in their history to bring local authorities' spending under some effective control.

Details of the application of cash limits for central government departments would be published around the beginning of the financial year.

The Conservative Party's policies were contradictory because their leadership was deeply divided on every issue of importance to the nation. Rampant opportunism was the factor that brought them together. MPs who took the country's problems seriously should unite in routing the most unholy alliance ever seen in the history of British politics.

Sending in the Navy welcomed by MPs

MR WILLIAM RODGERS, Minister of State for Defence (Teesside, Stockton, Lab), made a statement about the Government's decision to provide naval protection to the British fishing fleet off Iceland, announced by the Foreign Office in the morning.

He said that HMS Leopard should be arriving at the fishing grounds about the time he was speaking and further Royal Navy ships were being deployed. RAF flights continued as necessary.

This follows months of abortive negotiation with the Icelandic Government (he said). Last year the International Court of Justice ruled that even the 50-mile limit was not enforcable against British fishermen but the British Government repeatedly stated their willingness to show flexibility on the amount of fish caught and on conservation areas, and on a number of other matters, as was once again made clear to the Iceland Foreign Minister in a message last week-end.

The British Government remain ready to resume negotiations at any time.

The Government have taken the decision to provide naval protection regretfully and with reluctance. We had hoped that such action could be avoided but in the absence of any sign from the Icelandic Government that they were willing to talk, we had no alternative to providing the means whereby British trawlers could exercise their legitimate right to fish in international waters.

Defensive measure

MR WALL (Haltemprice, C)—Will Mr Rodgers make it clear to the Iceland Government that this is a purely defensive measure and there will be no escalation unless there is aggression from Icelandic gunboats? Can he assure us that the commanding officers of Her Majesty's ships are given clear orders in such an event?

MR RODGERS—Yes.

MR BROTHERTON (Louth, C)—This statement will be greeted with great satisfaction on the south bank of the Humber although it is a week too late. Now that he has realized the Government's responsibility to those fishing on the high seas, will the captains of the naval vessels be inhibited as to their actions to protect our fleet?

Will the naval ships remain on station as long as necessary to protect our fishing fleet?

MR RODGERS—Mr Brotherton will regret his opening ungenerous remarks. The answer to his two questions is "Yes".

MR McNAMARA (Kingston upon Hull, Central, Lab)—The decision to protect our fleets and citizens will be particularly welcomed by families on Humberside who displayed considerable concern about the safety of the men, but nevertheless, will regret the necessity to take action.

Can Mr Rodgers give an indication of further diplomatic moves which the British Government intend to make to bring this terrible confrontation to an end. Can he say whether we shall be using international organizations to facilitate talks to reach an honourable settlement?

MR RODGERS—Mr McNamara fairly sums up the nature of the decision. We believe it was necessary that we should take it now although we regret that these events have come about.

Mr Hattersley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Office, made it plain last Thursday that we would welcome a reopening of negotiations any time, anywhere.

MR GRIMOND (Orkney and Shetland, L)—Whenever there is trouble in Icelandic waters, it results in pressure on other fishing grounds. Will Mr Rodgers make sure that there is adequate protection on other grounds. The fishing community is more than ever determined that the utmost speed should be shown to extend our limits and protect our waters.

MR RODGERS—Yes. We are all fully aware of Mr Grimond's second point. As for the first, we shall continue to do all we can to protect the British fishing fleet, wherever they are.

MR CLEGG (North Fylde, C)—Many families in Fleetwood will be sleeping soundly tonight. In all the fishing ports there will be a desire to reach agreement on conservation matters. Our future lies in that just as much as does the Icelanders".

MR RODGERS—Everybody involved in this difficult decision will appreciate what he said, and welcome his wish to see these matters settled by negotiation as soon as possible.

Precedent

MR PRESCOTT (Kingston upon Hull, East, Lab)—This military intervention in the conflict is about a difference in catch allowance to the value of only £6m. Is the minister not concerned that it is establishing a precedent of military protection at a time when trawlers are looking for new grounds in areas of up to 200 miles, where 40 countries have claimed that right? He may be establishing the principle of military protection in other areas.

MR RODGERS—No, on this occasion Mr Prescott does not reflect the views of the majority of MPs or of those affected outside. This is a step we have taken with great regret, in sorrow not in anger. I hope it will not establish a precedent of any kind which will involve the use of naval force rather than negotiation to solve international disputes of this kind.

MR MAXWELL-HYSLOP (Tiverton, C)—Are the orders given to the captains of the naval vessels protecting our fishing fleets significantly different from the orders on a previous occasion under the previous Government?

MR RODGERS—It would be wise to say that they are not significantly different but not to discuss more fully in the House the operational characteristics of the decision we have taken.

MR WATT (Banffshire, Scot Nat)—While we are all so busy watching fishing off Iceland there is fishing going on just off the Tyne. There is an armada of boats trawling in the north-east Atlantic.

MR RODGERS—The important thing to remember is that we have wanted, and still want, international agreement by negotiation.

MR YOUNGER, Opposition spokesman on defence (Ayr, C)—We warmly welcome the Government's decision to send in the Royal Navy to protect our fishermen in their legitimate activities in following their trade. Will he with the Foreign Secretary take the greatest trouble to get across to our friends and allies throughout the world that what we are doing is supporting international law which is to allow honest fishermen to carry out their normal businesses in accordance with the international law.

MR RODGERS—I appreciate what he said and will be happy to endorse it.

Eire forces cooperating

MR BIGGS-DAVISON (Epping Forest, C) asked the Secretary of State for Defence for a statement on security operations in Northern Ireland, with particular reference to South Armagh.

MR ROBERT BROWN, Under Secretary for the Army—As the Minister of State for Northern Ireland told the House yesterday, Army operations continue throughout Northern Ireland, supporting the police in the task of combatting violence and terrorism.

Extra security measures are in force in South Armagh following the recent terrorist incidents, in particular the killing of three young soldiers and wounding of a fourth on Saturday. The House will join in condemning these outrages in the strongest possible terms and expressing admiration of the outstanding courage of these soldiers and conveying our deepest sympathy to their families and friends. The security forces will make every possible effort to bring those responsible for these despicable outrages to justice.

MR BIGGS-DAVISON—What progress has been made in gaining from the Eire army the same good cooperation as exists between the RUC and Garda? If that cooperation is not given, will our troops be authorized to fire on terrorists and hotly pursue them across the border as they are entitled to do under international law?

MR JUDD—I emphasize that we are receiving excellent cooperation from the security forces of the Republic and I would not want to go any farther than that because it would be foolish to imperil the type of cooperation we are receiving.

Defence cuts

During questions on the visit of the Secretary of State for Defence to Iran,

MR PETER WALKER (Worcester, C) asked: Did he give the Iranian Government any indication as to whether there would be further cuts in British defence expenditure?

MR MASON—I neither gave it there, nor can I give it here. That exercise is not far enough down the road to give the House any information.

Family planning costs

DR OWEN, Minister of State for Health, said in a written reply that it was expected that the cost in a full financial year of the provision of free family planning advice and supply of contraceptives would be of the order of £40m at current pay and price levels.

Chrysler 'costly operation'

MR BUCHAN (West Renfrewshire, Lab), during questions to the Prime Minister, asked: When he visits Scotland will he consider paying a visit to Linwood so that the workers there can thank him for saving their jobs in Linwood and in the Midlands?

MR HAROLD WILSON—We have a long way to go in the negotiations before anyone can hope to save any part of that Chrysler empire, in view of the negotiations with which we have been presented.

We are striving with might and main to save the whole operation if it is possible, certainly to save Linwood because of the high level of unemployment there—but there are powerful difficulties about concentrating production on one area.

I think that would not be the answer at all because this is a heavy loss-making sector of the motor car industry and suffers from that fact that we have not seen any new models for very many years.

This is going to be a very costly operation. I do not think I had better say any more.

I regard it as imperative that Mr Riccardo returns to this country tomorrow (Wednesday) to hear the views of the Government on these matters.

Tribute to police for remarkable run of success against terrorism

House of Lords

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office, resuming the debate on the Queen's Speech, said under the Bill dealing with complaints against the police, the initial investigation of complaints would remain with the police, but the legislation would establish as part of the police disciplinary procedure an independent body with members appointed by the Home Secretary.

The Government believed they had been able to strike the right balance because there was a widely recognized case for an independent element being introduced into the procedure. It would further strengthen public confidence in the police at a time when they were coping with difficult problems.

The most immediate problem confronting this country was that of terrorism. London appeared to be the principal target for the moment, but as explosions took place at Birmingham only a year ago, it demonstrated that any British city could find itself involved in the IRA campaign of indiscriminate murder.

The problem of terrorism (he went on) is the major preoccupation of every police force in Britain and it is right to pay tribute to the police for the remarkable run of success they have had in the past year.

The problem was not unique to Britain for terrorist violence was being experienced by every other major industrial country in the West. This, and the sometimes related menace of kidnapping, often for political purposes, but also for money, was a constant threat to police forces in all countries.

This is why (he added) it is desirable to ensure that the closest collaboration exists between the law enforcement agencies of the developed world. Discussions of this matter can be extremely valuable in formulating our response to the dangerous new problems that confront us.

Great skill

This did not mean they had slavishly to attempt techniques used by other police forces as this would sometimes by wholly improper.

In the Spaghetti House seige, the police were able to consider their response on the basis of other forces in dealing with similar situations and later they were able to pass on their own experience to the Irish police in the case of the Herrema kidnapping. The Metropolitan Police had demonstrated great skill over the Knightsbridge seige.

We as a country (he said) are perhaps a little too addicted at present to neurotic self-criticisms. when something goes outstandingly well as on that occasion, it is right to pay tribute to the men and women involved.

Crime statistics gave rise for serious concern; crimes of violence which caused the greatest public concern accounted to only 3 to 4 per cent of the total and did not constitute the fastest growing type of crime. Sexual crimes had stopped in the past year.

There had been some success in increasing the size of the police forces and at the end of October the total was almost 106,000 representing a net gain of 3,892 police in the first 10 months of this year. Part of this increase resulted from the decision to reduce the minimum age from 19 to 18.

The prison population had grown from 35,000 in 1973 to just over 40,000 at the end of October. Imprisonment was costly, and involved wider social costs to the families of prisoners.

The Government were concerned that the prison population should be reduced, but this was not simply a question of imposing shorter sentences. Experimental community service schemes had proved successful, and it was hoped to expand these. Changes would also be made over bail, in order to reduce the number of remands in custody, in a Bill to be introduced.

If further legislative weapons were required, the Government would not hesitate to ask for them.

The EARL of MANSFIELD (C), for the Opposition, said the Government programme for the session was like a barrel of apples. Although it contained many that were good and sweet there were always some that were bad and rotten.

The Bill to extend the dock labour scheme was a Bill to advance one body of vociferous workers to a position of advantage. It was difficult to believe how any such measure was likely to improve the efficiency of warehouses and decrease costs. The opposite was likely to be the case, with overmanning and an increase in costs.

Probably the less said about the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill the better, except that the Government were doing what they were constitutionally and legally entitled to do, just as the House of Lords had done what they were constitutionally and legally entitled to do during the last session.

It displayed a certain arrogance on the part of the Government towards a large and varied body of opinion which had thought, and still thought, that the Government were acting unwisely.

VISCOUNT THURSO (L) said there was a clear demand in Scotland for decentralization. There was no majority demand for separatism and therefore what should be sought was a transfer to a Scottish parliament of the powers at present held by the Secretary of State for Scotland. A reduction of the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster must be expected.

The MARQUESS of ABERDEEN and TEMAIR (Ind), in a maiden speech, said that in the course of time a Scottish assembly could be the cause of splits into smaller units. The hazards of devolution were more of splits within Scotland than a break-up of the United Kingdom.

Mistrust

LORD GARDINER said public relations between the police and public were of great importance, but there seemed to be mistrust because of the extraordinarily powerful position of the police in deciding whether to bring prosecutions.

It would be a great gain to the police and the public if decisions to prosecute were made independently by an official similar to the procurator fiscal in Scotland.

Retirement age to stay at 65

House of Commons

MR BRIAN O'MALLEY, Minister of State for Social Security, said in a written reply—A reduction in the minimum pension age for men in the foreseeable future is ruled out on grounds of cost. On the assumption that the pattern of retirement of men between 60 and 65 would be the same as it is now between 65 and 70, the extra annual cost to the national insurance fund, and in supplementary pensions, of reducing the minimum pension age for men to 60 is estimated to be £1,580m a year, at current benefit rates.

Mr Wilson the memoirs man

MR STOTT (Westhoughton, Lab) asked when the Prime Minister next planned to chair a meeting of the National Economic Development Council.

MR HAROLD WILSON—The Chancellor of the Exchequer is chairman of the National Economic Development Council and I like to chair the Council about once a quarter. I did so on November 5 and I hope to again early in the new year.

MR STOTT—In view of the vital importance of the new industrial strategy and how it is linked with our economic recovery, it is vital for the House to have a progres report on the industrial strategy and how it is developing, if this can be done.

MR WILSON—I understand that at the next meeting of NEDC they are likely to discuss the follow-up of decisions at the November 5 meeting at Chequers. In January there will be a full document raising the matter in terms of something like 30 industries, including little Neddies. It is right that the Chancellor should report to the House on the progress of the NEDC in following up the November 5 meeting.

MR BUDGEN (Wolverhampton, South-West, C)—The Prime Minister's last great attempt at selective regeneration of British industry was through the Industrial Reorganization Corporation. Is not the IRC best remembered for the merger between Leyland the British Motor Corporation, and did that not bring great sadness and misery to countless thousands of our fellow citizens?

MR WILSON—No. The IRC Bill was fought by the Tory Opposition with great vigour and venom. After it was passed there was the fullest possible cooperation throughout industry and the board of top industrialists.

Unfortunately, after a change of Government in 1970 the IRC was abolished. But I understand that there have been statements since rather suggesting that they regretted that decision. Mr Budgen is not speaking for industry at all.

MR SKINNER (Bolsover, Lab)—Before the Prime Minister chairs the next NEDC in the new year will he announce that the Government will be introducing a fairly wide range of import controls as a facet of socialist planning and also that they will not be used as a device to lure certain trade union leaders into accepting the continuation of an incomes policy in 1976 and 1977.

MR WILSON—The trade union leaders speak with greater authority on behalf of the trade union movement than does Mr Skinner.

I have repeatedly told the House, and I repeated at Rambouillet exactly what I said, that we reject a generalized system of import controls, whether to help our balance of payments, which is rapidly improving, or for any other reason.

MRS ELAINE KELLETT-BOWMAN (Leicester, C)—Have you got the figures right this time. (Laughter.)

MR WILSON—Apart from whether dumping can be proved or not, we have said that where abnormal imports could threaten industries which are vital and needed in our economy for many years to come, we reserve the right to introduce selection import controls following the proper procedures of Article 19 of GATT, but not as a general policy.

MRS MARGARET THATCHER, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—When the Prime Minister next meets Neddy will he be able to tell them which ministerial voice on Government economic policy he proposes to follow?

Will it be that of the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Benn) who over the weekend seemed to want more and more nationalization, or that of the Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Crosland) who argues that state collectivism is incompatible with liberty and democracy? (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—I thought that rather pathetic. (Labour laughter.) I thought that in the last few weeks of the last session Mrs Thatcher did better by getting up only on Thursdays. The Government's policy was explained in the Queen's Speech, in my own speech and in the White Paper on the regeneration of industry.

MRS THATCHER—In his speech Mr Wilson did not discuss the future. He has become a complete memoirs man. (Conservative laughter.) Will he tell us what he proposes to do in the future?

MR WILSON—It sounds as though the Conservative Party PR department was working overtime this morning. (Labour cheers.)

I spent most of my speech on the future policies and in discussing present policy on inflation on which she could not even vote. I also discussed public expenditure on which she has not yet told us what she would cut.

MRCA firmly in programme

MR ARNOLD (Hazel Grove, C) asked whether the Secretary of State for Defence was satisfied with the progress being made towards greater standardization of weapons systems within Nato.

MR MASON (Barnsley, Lab)—I think everyone appreciates progress will be gradual but alliance members fully understand the need to advance through stronger cooperation within Europe and via the "two-way street" with North America.

At a successful Eurogroup meeting in The Hague on November 5 it was decided to explore further the potential for extending European cooperation between all European members of the alliance.

MR ARNOLD—While it is highly desirable that the new secretariat should be set up and seen to be working efficiently, it will not itself provide reciprocal benefits for our own defence industries unless they in turn can be sustained by a high level of research and development. Has not the time come to reverse the policy of seeking to cut such expenditure?

MR MASON—On research and development the Eurogroup meeting discussed how best we might be able to traverse that path of sharing research and development within the European countries. There was agreement in principle to establish a European defence secretariat. At the next meeting on December 8 we hope to be able to flesh out that proposal.

MR MacFARQUHAR (Belper, Lab)—In view of the widespread press reports, is he currently considering the development and purchase of the MRCA with a view to reducing either?

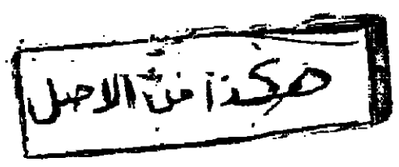
MR MASON—I cannot oblige at this stage. As far as I am concerned the MRCA is firmly in the programme. We have indicated how many we want. We have not decided on the production figures. That will not be necessary until the early part of next year when we come to agreement with our cooperative partners.

MR GOODHEW (St Albans, C)—A Labour Government cancelled the TSR 2, the F111A and the Anglo-French variable geometry aircraft. Is he saying that the MRCA, which is a prime example of cooperation between Nato allies, is still not yet firmly in the mind of this Government? If not, the sooner he is an ex-defence minister the better.

MR MASON—He has not listened to what I said. As far as the Government are concerned the MRCA is going ahead. We cannot agree on production figures yet. Neither is it the time. That will be in the early part of next year when we agree total production figures with our collaborative partners.

MR DEMPSEY (Coatbridge and Airdrie, Lab)—Under the operation of this secretariat there is danger that in standardizing production of certain weapons they will be manufactured principally in France and Germany. Will he take account of the need to protect this country against any substantial loss of employment over this matter?

MR MASON—I keep that in the forefront of my mind when discussing these matters with my Eurogroup colleagues.



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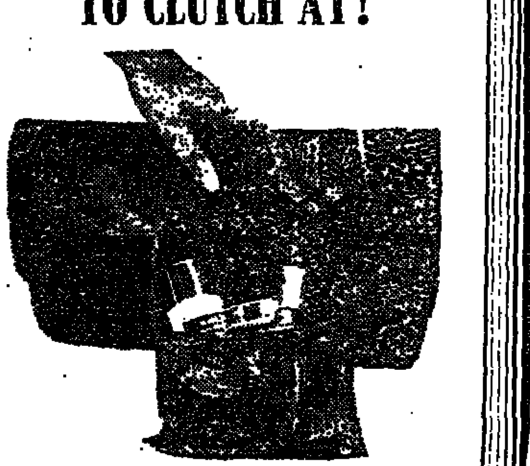
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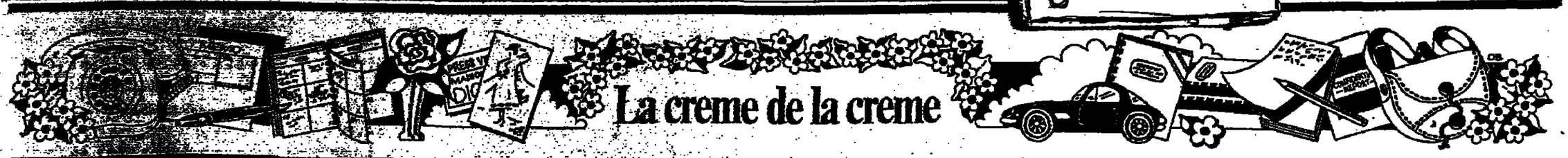
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Law Report November 25 1975 Court of Appeal

Guidance to grain trade on aftermath of Mississippi floods

André et Cie SA v Tradax Export SA

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Browne

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, gave guidance asked for by the Grain and Feed Trade Association Ltd in connexion with 500 claims awaiting arbitration which resulted from the Mississippi floods and a consequential United States Government embargo on the export of soya bean meal in 1973.

Their Lordships, on an appeal by buyers, André et Cie SA, of Switzerland, buyers of soya bean meal, construed the prohibition and force majeure clauses in the GAFTA Form No 100. The appeal was from Mr Justice Donaldson, who had answered the main questions raised in a consultative special case stated by the association's board of appeal in favour of sellers, Tradax Export SA, of Panama.

The prohibition clause, clause 21, provides that "In case of prohibition of export, blockade or hostilities or in case of any executive or legislative act done by or on behalf of the government of the country of origin or of the territory where the port or ports of shipment named herein is/are situate, preventing fulfilment, this contract or any unfulfilled portion thereof so affected shall be cancelled. In the event of shipment proving impossible during the contract period by reason of any of the causes enumerated herein, sellers shall advise buyers without delay with the reasons therefor. If required, sellers must produce proof to justify their claim for cancellation".

Clause 22 provides: "Force majeure, strikes, etc. Sellers shall not be responsible for delay in shipment of the goods . . . occasioned by any act of God, strike, lockout, riot or civil commotion, combination of workmen, breakdown of machinery, fire or any cause comprehended in the term 'force majeure'. If delay in shipment is likely to occur for any of the above reasons, shippers shall give notice to their buyers by telegram, telex or teleprinter or by similar advice within 7 consecutive days of the occurrence, or not less than 21 consecutive days before the commencement of the contract period, whichever is later. The notice shall state the reason(s) for the anticipated delay. If after giving such notice an extension to the shipping period is required, then shippers shall give further notice not later than 2 business days after the last day of the contract period of shipment stating the port or ports of loading from which the goods were intended to be shipped, and shipments effected after the contract period shall be limited to the port or ports so nominated. If shipment be delayed for more than one calendar month, buyers shall have the option of cancelling the delayed portion of the contract . . . . If buyers do not exercise this option, such delayed portion shall be automatically extended for a further period of one month. If shipment under this clause be prevented during the further one month's extension, the contract shall be considered void. Buyers shall have no claim against sellers for delay or non-shipment under this clause provided that sellers shall have supplied to buyers, if required, satisfactory evidence justifying the delay or non-fulfilment."

Mr Christopher Staughton, QC, and Mr Michael Collins for the buyers; Mr K. S. Rokison and Mr Mark Havelock-Allan for the sellers.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that soya bean meal from crops grown in the United States was exported for cattle feed to Europe and elsewhere. It was the subject of many contracts of sale before and during transit—nearly all made through brokers on the GAFTA Form No 100. Shippers in the United States agreed to sell to traders who resold down a long string of traders to receivers in Europe.

Two of the conditions in the form were before the court. Clause 21 excused a seller where there was a prohibition of export so that if the seller was prevented by a government prohibition from fulfilling his obligations the contract was cancelled. Clause 22 availed the seller if the shipment was delayed by force majeure. In such a case the shippers could get a month's extension, with a further month if the buyer did not object. But if the delay exceeded two months the contract was considered void.

In the spring of 1973 there were great floods in the Mississippi which played havoc with the export of soya bean meal. The shippers could not get it down to the ports. Export was undoubtedly delayed by force majeure. The sellers claimed extension of time under clause 22 but were unable to ship during the extended time.

The shortage caused the market price to rise greatly. The buyers claimed damages. Many disputes arose about the date at which the damages should be assessed; and in *Toepfer v Cremer* (*The Times*, March 19; [1975] 1 Lloyd's Rep 406) their Lordships' court had held that the sellers were liable in damages based on the market price on July 10, 1973—the very highest point.

The next phase was that on June 27, 1973, the United States Government imposed an embargo on the export of soya bean meal; but on July 2 they allowed exporters a quota of 40 per cent of their contracted obligations.

At first the exporters claimed an extension of time under clause 22 on the ground that the embargo was force majeure; but later they claimed cancellation under clause 21 on the ground that the embargo was prohibition of export. Most of the buyers accepted the 40 per cent quota and paid for it at the contract price, but claimed damages for the sellers' failure to supply the remaining 60 per cent.

The sellers, relying on both clauses 21 and 22, rejected the claims. The dispute reached the association's board of appeal who found themselves faced with so many contentions of law that they stated a consultative case for the opinion of the court. The court had been told that over 500 arbitrations were awaiting the result and that the trade hoped that the court would give guidance on the many points that arose.

The first point was whether the shippers could rely on both clauses 21 and 22, or only one of them. The judge had held that the shippers were obliged to operate clause 22 and not clause 21 because the export prohibition came within the description of force majeure so that there was no room for extension of time and cancellation under clause 21.

Both sides said that the judge took the point himself; neither side supported his view now. The buyers contended that "prohibition of export" was specially dealt with in clause 21 and should therefore be excluded from the general force majeure exclusion in clause 22. His Lordship did not think that argument should prevail. A prohibition of export was well within the term force majeure. It came within both clauses 22 and 21.

In order to see whether a prohibition was within clause 22 or 21, it was necessary to inquire whether the prohibition only "delayed" the shipment—in which case shippers could claim an extension under 22; or whether it "prevented the fulfilment" of the contract—in which case clause 21 operated automatically to cancel the contract without more ado. As soon as an embargo was imposed — causing delay — the shipper might invoke clause 22. But when the delay lasted so long that shipment proved "impossible during the contract period"—which in the present case expired on June 20, 1973—then clause 21 operated to cancel the contract automatically.

On June 30 there was a prohibition of export. It was therefore within clause 21—provided the sellers proved that the prohibition did prevent their fulfilling the contract. The court did not at present know whether they could prove that.

The sellers might seek as an alternative to rely on clause 22; and that raised several questions. The first was whether the notice given by the shippers on July 4 was a good notice for the purposes of clause 22. [It was a telex message that "Shippers expect to be granted an export quota of about 40 per cent. It is possible that the shipping period may be changed for this reason. Furthermore for the monthly quantities for June we invoke the force majeure extension clause . . . and we declare as the port for shipment the usual ports on the Lakes, East Coast, Gulf".]

Clause 22 contemplated two notices—a warning notice within seven consecutive days of the occurrence of the force majeure, and the effective notice to be given "not later than two business days after the last day of the contract period of shipment". In the instant case only one notice was given. Was that sufficient? His Lordship thought that a "rolled-up" notice was sufficient when it was within the specified times and gave all the required information.

Clause 22 required the effective notice to state "the port or ports of loading from which the goods were intended to be shipped". The notice declared those as "the usual ports on the Lakes, East Coast, Gulf".

In the *Toepfer* case the court had held it was sufficient to specify "the Mississippi River ports". His Lordship thought the object of the clause was to put some limitation on the sellers' choice of ports. It was permissible to nominate a range of ports such as the "Mississippi River ports"—but not to go much wider so as to put no limitation on the sellers. The nomination here was too wide. It was not a good nomination.

One very important point was the eighth sentence of clause 22. It said: "Buyers shall have no claim against sellers for delay or non-shipment under this clause provided that sellers shall have supplied to buyers, if required, satisfactory evidence justifying the delay or non-fulfilment."

Mr Justice Donaldson had held that the buyer could, if he liked, call on the seller to produce satisfactory evidence justifying the delay or non-fulfilment, but that if the buyer failed to do so he was not protected; in other words, when a seller alleged delay by force majeure the buyer must challenge it at the time; and if he did not do so, he was barred from challenging it thereafter.

His Lordship could not accept that interpretation. Clause 22 did not give the buyers any claim against the sellers. It only gave the sellers an extension of time for shipment for one or for two months—and said that if at the end of that extension the goods were not shipped the contract was void.

His Lordship could only give sense to the first part of the eighth sentence by reading it as ". . . buyers shall have no claim against sellers for delay or non-shipment occasioned by force majeure which is excused by this clause".

The second part of the sentence imposed a condition. The only way it could be made to work was by reading it with the first part, as his Lordship interpreted it, so that the clause read: ". . . sellers shall not be responsible for delay caused by force majeure . . . provided that sellers shall have supplied to the buyers, if required, satisfactory evidence justifying the delay or non-fulfilment". On that reading the sentence was equivalent to the third sentence of clause 21: "If required sellers must produce proof to justify their claim for cancellation".

On that footing clauses 21 and 22 could be given a very sensible interpretation. Clause 21 meant: "In case of prohibition of export under clause 21 . . . this contract to be cancelled. The sellers must, if required, produce proof to justify their claim for its cancellation". Clause 22 meant: "In case of delay owing to force majeure under clause 22 . . . the seller is entitled to claim an extension of time. The sellers must, if required, produce evidence to justify their claim".

On that reading, in order to get the benefit of clause 21, the prohibition of export must exist in fact; and in order to get the benefit of clause 22, the force majeure must exist in fact. In addition, "the sellers must, if required, produce evidence to justify it". That last provision was for the benefit of the buyers, not the sellers.

The sellers were therefore not entitled to the benefit of either clause unless the facts justified it; and if there was a dispute about it which went to arbitration, the sellers had the burden of proving the facts to justify it—as well as the other requirements to bring the clauses into operation. If the buyer required the sellers to produce satisfactory evidence and they did not do so, they could not take the benefit of the clause. But if the buyer did not require it, the sellers need not produce it till the arbitration.

On a further question, whether the sellers should have bought goods afloat in order to fulfil their contract, the position in a case like the present, where there was a string of contracts, was that if the seller had already made arrangements to ship the goods, by himself or some shipper higher up the string, and they were already in existence when the shipment was delayed by force majeure or prevented by prohibition of export, the seller could rely on clause 22 or 21. He was not bound to buy afloat in order to implement his contract.

His Lordship, after dealing with a number of other points on some of which he said it was not possible to give guidance in the absence of relevant findings of fact, answered the questions in the consultative case as follows (i) (a) In order to be relieved of their obligations (in consequence of the United States Government regulations of June 27 and July 2) by reason of clause 21, the sellers would have to prove the facts to justify their claim to cancellation (namely, that shipment proved impossible during the contract period by reason of the prohibition of export), and would further have to prove that they advised the buyers thereof without delay. (b) The sellers were not relieved by reason of clause 22, because the notice of July 4 did not state the port or ports from which the goods were intended to be shipped. (ii) There was no extension of the shipment period under clause 9 of the form. (iii) If the sellers were in default, the date of default was to be left for further consideration.

Mr Staughton had framed a number of issues on which he had told the court that the trade would welcome guidance. His Lordship hoped that most of them had been covered. It was not possible to answer them simply Yes or No.

Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Browne delivered judgments agreeing that the questions raised should be answered in general as stated by the Master of the Rolls.

The court refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords on the ground that though the points raised were of much importance to the trade, there were still many facts and other matters which would be better elucidated in arbitration before an appeal was made to the House of Lords.

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7 Law Lords to hear appeal

Regina v Majewski

Seven Law Lords are to consider the question "whether a defendant may properly be convicted of assault notwithstanding that, by reason of his self-induced intoxication, he did not intend to do the act alleged to constitute the assault."

This point of law was certified by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice James and Mr Justice Milmo) (*The Times*, July 16) after their Lordships had dismissed an appeal by Robert Stefan Majewski (*The Times*, June 24; [1975] 3 WLR 401) against conviction on three counts of occasioning grievous bodily harm and assaulting a constable in the execution of his duty.

The House of Lords (Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon of Glaisdale, Lord Kilbrandon, Lord Edmund-Davies and Lord Russell) began hearing the appeal on Monday. On the resumption of the hearing today, the Lord Chancellor announced that their Lordships had considered the case overnight and had concluded that the issues raised were of very great public importance. Some of the basic cases, including *DPP v Beard* ([1920] AC 479), would have to be reconsidered. Their Lordships had accordingly decided that the Appellate Committee should be reconstituted with seven Lords. The hearing would stand adjourned until the reconstitution took place.

The hearing is unlikely to take place until next year.

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THE ARTS

Paris Film Festival

Italian politics and American madhouse

Since the lamented demise of the Venice Film Festival—the oldest in the world—there has been growing competition to replace it as the major autumn film event. The London Festival, like the ever-increasing calendar of American festivals, is disqualified because of its essential function as a reprise of the best of the rest. Locarno, with very little money but a lot of flair, has done more to justify its claim than Teheran, with a great deal of money but little sense of direction.

Paris is the newest contender, and could become the strongest. It has been organized in the *cadre* of the Autumn Festival, and in addition to its main showings in the impressive, bizarre and uncomfortable Théâtre du Palais du Chaillot had continuous side events in a dozen other cinemas across the city—a week of French premieres, homages to the Italian cinema, to Pasolini, to Marcel l'Herbier and to theatre directors in the cinema.

The gala opening, indelicately timed to coincide with the first night of the London Festival, brought several generations of the great ones of French films to see the Cinémathèque Française's compilation of 80 years of the national cinema; and it was touching that the greatest enthusiasm was reserved for Michèle Morgan and for Arletty, still superb, an ancient blind goddess, at 77.

Nothing is perfect, however. Inside, the stars trundled patiently up and down the rows trying to make sense of a Wonderland seating system (the hundreds of seats had name cards instead of numbers) while outside other stars demonstrated politely enough against the Government's new "liberalism" in replacing censorship by a system of financial impositions on films not exactly approved. The obvious fear is that these sanctions will be extended beyond imported blue films to apply to any kind of picture that the government in power does not like the look of. There was speculation that it was threat of demonstrations (there was some attack from the right, also, against the dedication of the festival to the memory of the Marxist Pasolini), rather than the cares of Rambouillet, which kept M Giscard d'Estaing from opening the event as promised.

Alongside the festival's impressive ambitions, the organization showed forgivable signs of first time and last minute. Compared with the London Festival's 50 films from 20 or more countries, the Paris programme seemed rather unbalanced, with 22 films from only eight countries, and no fewer than six of them from Italy.



One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest: Louise Fletcher and Jack Nicholson

Apart from Paris's major coup in capturing Pier Paolo Pasolini's testamentary *Salo*, this Italian emphasis hardly seemed justified in terms of quality. Luigi Comencini's *Childhood, Vocation and First Experience of Giacomo Casanova, Venetian* mildly exploited the new Italian taste (since *Malizia*) for the nostalgia of juvenile erotic discovery. Mario Morra's *A Smile, a Slap and a Kiss on the Mouth* is a tribute to a decade of movie *kitsch*, Cinecittà's product of the 1950s.

The overriding preoccupation of the Italians, however, was political history. Ennio Lorenzini's first feacure film, *Quanto e Bello lu Morire Acciso*, relates the doomed rebellion of Carlo Pisacane against the Bourbons in 1857. Of its nature, the theme denies dramatic treatment—Pisacane undertook the enterprise in full recognition of its hopelessness, intending only an exhortation to subsequent revolutionaries—and the lovely images and accompaniment of stirring popular revolutionary songs take on a purely decorative function.

The Fascist thirties loom large. Francesco Maselli's first film for five years, *Il Sospetto*, relates the adventures and disillusion of a clandestine communist (Gian Maria Volente, inevitably) in the era of growing Stalinist influence. Mauro Bolognini's *Per le Antiche Scale* hardly justifies its attempts to equate an ill-run madhouse, whose medical superintendent (Marcello Mastroianni, inevitably) is an erotomanic schizophrenic, with the Mussolini regime.

Bolognini suffered not only from comparison with the much more powerful imagery of *Salo* but also by being shown on the some day as Milos Forman's remarkable *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, which also takes a madhouse as metaphor, and, with *Salo*, was one of the outstanding works seen in Paris.

The idea of the film has been around for a long time. Ken Kesey's original novel—fantasizing his own experiences of mental hospitals—appeared in 1962. Kirk Douglas starred in a stage adaptation and tried to set up a film. Finally giving up the idea, he assigned the property to his son, Michael Douglas, who thereupon made it with Jack Nicholson in the role created by Douglas on the stage, and with the expatriate Czech Milos Forman as director.

Forman has succeeded in making the work and its metaphoric content all his own. The story is about a petty criminal (Nicholson) who is sent from prison for observation in a mental hospital. The medical staff are not convinced by his reasonable explanation that his misdemeanours come from giving way to all-too-normal instincts. His vitality and enthusiasm for living infect the other patients, dragging them out of their hospital lethargy, but bring him into direct conflict with the sister in charge

This head-on collision of a crushing authoritarianism and a life-loving anarchy starts as high comedy but rushes to bizarre operatic catastrophe. The literal minded are inclined to question the clinical accuracy (and well they might) and thereby overlook the power of the fable and the flawless performances Forman has won from Nicholson, from Louise Fletcher as the sister, and from a cast otherwise largely composed of non-professionals (including patients and the medical superintendent of the hospital in which the film was shot).

Two other major Paris programmes have already been seen at the London Festival: Rainer Werner Fassbinder's political morality, *Mutter Kusters Fahrt zum Himmel*, and the double bill of Werner Herzog's *Die Grosse Ekstase des Bildschnitzers Steiner* and James Ivory's *Autobiography of a Princess*. In the real-life figure of the woodcarver who cannot prevent himself from embracing the terror of his phenomenal, record-breaking and death-defying ski jumps, Herzog discovers one of his own characteristic obsessive heroes.

Autobiography of a Princess is easily James Ivory's best film since *Shakespeare Wallah*, a unique exercise in miniature. An Indian princess living somewhere in SW1 (Madhur Jaffrey) invites her father's old tutor (James Mason) to tea. They talk about the old days, watch some old home movies and a television interview with the present-day royalty of Jaipur; and all the phantoms of Royal and Imperial India parade briefly but vividly across the screen.

Another, still sadder phantom from the past, Glauber Rocha, so recently the hero of the short-lived Brazilian Cinema Nôvo of the 1960s, reappeared with a film made in Italian exile, though attributed to Panama. *Claro* is a self-indulgent folly, a pot-dream, detestable for the callous way it exploits both the workers it drags, with patronizing romanticism, on to the screen and those wide-eyed idealists from whom it demands automatic response to catchwords like "revolution", "proletariat" and "Jean-Luc Godard".

David Robinson

Inside Story
BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

It depends what you mean by an inside story. The real inside story on United States Ambassador Richardson would tell us why, 10 months after his appointment to the Court of St James, he is being thrown back into the big pool of Washington politics as President Ford's Secretary of Commerce. It would also tell us why he came to London at all, why he has held 24 jobs in 28 years, whether he is actually controlling his brilliant career or whether as he himself suggested in John Purdie's programme, he allows himself to drift on the tides of an always-unpredictable fortune. None of this emerged from *Inside Story: Ambassador* because it was too courteous and, as events turned out, premature. That was Mr Purdie's very bad luck, but there were compensations.

Richardson emerged as a nice man, cautious, thoughtful, keeping his guard well up, all properly ambassadorial behaviour before the television cameras. He has the kingly manner, too, no doubt of that, dealing with inane questions without impatience and speaking with grace as occasion requires. But even royalty switches to automatic pilot on off-days, and there were occasions when words like "pleasure", "privilege", and "great" hung mournfully on the air.

Purdie's method was ruthlessly impressionistic, rarely allowing us to hear the end of any exchange or argument: a great amount of large and small talk flew across the air and off again without alighting for pause. This is probably how such conversations seem to those who take part in them, and it was Purdie's chief success to move his cameras in close enough to capture and convey convincingly so much of the sheer hassle of present-day public life. Everywhere he went Richardson was surrounded by an army of swift and anxious officials, holding doors, leaping out of cars, checking security arrangements with 360 degree eyesight. When it rained, they ran about like nannies with umbrellas.

We saw guests arrive at a very grand dinner for Archibald Cox in the ambassadorial residence. We saw Richardson with his aides, meeting Callaghan at the Foreign Office, Kissinger and the Rockefellers at Heathrow, presiding in the Embassy conference room where deliberations are so confidential that Mr Purdie was not allowed to film with sound. Here the Ambassador's felt-pen doodling became positively intense: free-form rococo curlicues side by side on the note-pad with pyramids and steps of an uncompromising geometric severity (Washington DC?). "I'm quite capable of ducking any question", was the smartest thing he said on the programme, and we left him casting the waters of Aviemore with a firm and confident hand.

Varese
Royal Academy of Music

Max Harrison

Edgard Varese's music is usually admired for its prophetic insights, but it should long since have been valued for its intrinsic merits. Perhaps the series of four monthly concerts at the Royal Academy of Music, which plan to include nearly all his works, is a recognition of this. The first one was on Monday, and it gave a measure of Verese's extraordinary achievement by juxtaposing *Offrandes*, the earliest piece he acknowledged, with the late *Deserts* and *Nocturnal*.

Offrandes, a 1921 setting of surrealist poems by Huidobro and Tablada, glances back to Debussy with its non-traditional use of traditional materials. Yet there are moments when the frontier between stylized musical sound and noise—that is, the sounds of the natural world and of the city—is crossed. Here, certainly, was a move towards what Varese always spoke of as "liberation of noise". This performance, like the others by the RAM Chamber Orchestra conducted by John Carewe, was unkempt yet fresh and enthusiastic—too much so in the percussion department, which repeatedly covered Sara Mousley, the pale-voice soprano soloist.

In the much later *Deserts* of 1949-54 there is a dialogue between the live ensemble and a pre-recorded stereophonic tape (of which the 1962 version was used). This is fully integrated on the imaginative level, the electronic sounds being an exact continuation of the orchestra's instrumental voices. The latter, rich, as usual with Varese, in wind and percussion, evolves harshly dissonant heterophony, its post-harmonic sound-masses activated by dichotomies of passivity and activity, of tension and release. Its composer said this piece deals not just with "physical deserts, but also the deserts in the minds of men . . . a world of mystery and essential loneliness".

An impressive and even threatening score, *Deserts* is disquieting, partly because it is barbaric and modern at once. So, also is the rarely heard *Nocturnal*, in effect his last work, completed by Chou Wen-Chung. The text is from Anais Nin's "The House of Incest", and again the music explodes with concentrated, alarming violence: here again is a work that poses some unpleasant questions.

The friendly invasion

Peter Davis

During the opening months of the opera season New Yorkers have seen an unusual number of British singers on the stages of both the city's major opera houses. At the Met, the revival of *Cosi fan tutte* included debut appearances by Elizabeth Harwood (Fiordiligi), Anne Howells (Dorabella) and Ryland Davies (Ferrando), and as Bellini's Norma Rita Hunter ventured upon her first non-Wagnerian role for Met audiences. Meanwhile, in one of the City Opera's rare excursions into Wagner, Norman Bailey portrayed Hans Sachs in an English-language *Die Meistersinger*. During weeks to come the "invasion" continues with the arrival of Alberto Remedios (Bacchus), Stafford Dean (Figaro), Gwyneth Jones (Fidelio), Stuart Burrows (Alfredo), and Donald McIntyre (Pizarro).

Norman Bailey's Sachs unquestionably achieved the greatest critical and public success in a new production of *Meistersinger* that, while clearly straining the City Opera's resources, was on the whole a neat, respectable job. Unfortunately, I saw a late performance in which Bailey was singing his fifth Sachs in the course of two weeks and obviously not in freshest vocal estate. By the third act, however, one could see the qualities so generally admired about his impersonation—a direct, warm, paternalistic cobbler-poet, if perhaps a shade prosaic and almost too down-to-earth.

The other two outstanding performances came from Johanna Meier, whose lovely soprano suited Eva to perfection, and David Holloway, an uncommonly fine Kothner. Elliot Palay (Walther), Diane Curry (Magdalena), Gary Glaze (David), Richard T. Gill (Pogner), and James Billings (Beckmesser) ranged from acceptable to embarrassing. Everyone, though, seemed at ease within the context of John Cox's traditional direction and Carl Toms's pleasant period sets. Julius Rudel conducted an understaffed orchestra with brisk, rather impersonal efficiency, while John Gutman's translation proved serviceable if of little literary distinction.

The *Cosi* at the Met had less to recommend it. This intimate opera has never fared well in such spacious surroundings, and



Anne Howells and Ryland Davies

the 25-year-old production by Alfred Lunt (now completely restaged by Patrick Libby) with Rolf Gérard's skimpy sets should be retired. The cast, which also included Roberta Peters (Despina), Richard Stilwell (Guglielmo) and Renato Capecchi (Don Alfonso), showed promising potential for *Cosi* but not under the conditions that rule the current Met production. Anne Howells projected her character best and played a delightful, slightly dizzy Dorabella, singing with ample grace and style. Her husband, Ryland Davies, simply does not have enough voice to fill the house, and his Ferrando emerged as something of a cypher. Elizabeth Harwood tended to swallow her vowels, neglect consonants but the voice *per see* is immensely attractive when on pitch.

Hunter's Norma was given brutal treatment by the local press, and truth to tell she was unwise to offer such a half-formed conception of the part. thing special at the Met—only seven sopranos have sung the role here in the past century: Lilli Lehmann, Rosa Ponselle, Gina Cigna, Zinka Milanov, Maria Callas, Joan Sutherland, and Montserrat Caballé. I cannot speak of the first three, but the other four, whatever their individual flaws, came closer Norma has always been sometto the realities of the music than Hunter.

The voice, of course, is an exceptional one and in many respects more than equal to such a difficult assignment, yet her vocalization of the notes showed only a rudimentary understanding of bel canto style. Phrases were choppy, breath short, ornamentation and coloratura clumsily executed and put to little dramatic purpose. The raw material for a great Norma is there, however, and with proper coaching the promise may be realized. Frederica von Stade sang exquisitely as Adalgisa: her ravishing tone, seamless technique, and fragile appearance consistently charmed ear and eye. John Alexander (Pollione) and John McCurdy (Oroveso) both made stalwart contributions, earnestly coping with Desmond Heeley's strange copper-and-brass sets and Paul-Emile Deiber's sketchy production.

Ricciarelli/Carreras
Festival Hall

Alan Blyth

What a pity some of the thousands who always turn up at the Festival Hall to hear any fading prima donna with a thread of a voice left did not come on Monday to hear two young opera artists in their prime with the bloom still very much on the tone. Neither Katia Ricciarelli nor José Carreras is the most subtle of singers but each did enough, alone and together, to delight the faithful who did attend, and by the end of the evening when Carreras had relaxed into Tosti and into a splendidly forthright account of that old favourite "Granada", and Ricciarelli into an aria from *La Rondine*, even the most hardened listener must have been very much on their side.

Of course, a piano accompaniment does not precisely give warm support to operatic arias, but even that must have reminded collectors of old 78 records of the early days of the gramophone when arias were so often given with a tinkle in the background, particularly when the pieces such as Donizetti's "Angelo casto e bel" from *Il Duca d'Alba* and Gaston's fine aria from Verdi's *Jérusalém* have been given so seldom since. Both were sung by Carreras in that forward, rather smoky, Spanish tenor

Ricciarelli made less of a case for the revival of some rare Cherubini, but showed how full and true her *spinto* voice can be, except at the very top, in Medora's lovely aria from *Il Corsaro*, such an obvious precursor of so many Verdi arias. She did still more with poor Anne Boleyn's expressive "Al dolce guidami" from Donizetti's opera, but she failed to enhance her supple, attractive tone with a positive use of consonants. When at last she did so at "Alvaro, io t'amo" from "Pace, pace", the point was made out of her own mouth; at last a character really came to life.

Bellini was represented by two melancholy songs and by extracts from *I Capuleti e Montecchi*. Neither singer has quite mastered the art of spinning a Bellinian phrase unforgettably into one's mind, but Miss Ricciarelli gave body and sweetness to the elegiac opening of "O quante volte!", Juliet's first aria. Duets from Verdi's *Lombardi* and Donizetti's *Poliuto* showed that the two singers could answer passion with passion.

London debuts

Radoslav Kvapil, an infrequent visitor to this country, presented a conspectus of nineteenth-century Czech piano music. He is an authoritative soloist, full-toned but never overbearing, able to summon up powers of rhetoric from the piano that even made prolix, soft-centred fugues by Reicha and a meandering sonata by Vorisek ("slightly Schubertian", as a partisan programme note optimistically put it) sound convincing.

Mr Kvapil commands a virtuoso technique which had no trouble despatching a group of Smetana's "Czech Dances", an uneasy marriage of simple folk-tunes with Lisztian bravura. Dvorak, too, presented no problem to this pianist, page after page of it, homely stuff, carefully crafted but with a desperate emotional sameness throughout the eight "Humoresques" and 12 "Silhouettes". If only Mr Kvapil could have been persuaded to venture farther into the twentieth century; his one foray there was a triumph. Janacek's marvellously evocative yet elusive Suite "In the Mist" seemed, with this expert pianist, to contain all life's emotions.

Elaine Watts is blessed with a natural light dramatic soprano voice, full enough to ride the rich emotional climaxes of "Senza Mamma" (*Suor Angelica*) with a tendency to quiver in softer passages, which, admittedly here, made this emotional *scena* all the more affecting. But in Britten's "On this Island", although for the most part responding intelligently to the words" the voice was often not controlled enough and, as in the Nocturne, unable to sustain a long line. In her French group, Miss Watts's strange way with vowels imparted a quaint feeling of dialect, and she seldom caught the essential intimacy of *chanson*. But her German was more successful, particularly in Brahms.

The expressive range of clarinet music by Saint-Saëns, Hindemith and Martinu on the one hand and Finzi and Arnold on the other neither ventures upstairs nor downstairs, very frequently preferring, perhaps, the rather dimly lit semi-basement, and left a larger question-mark than usual hanging over the clarinet recital by Pamela Torrance. Yet she brought a grace and charm to Hindemith's workmanlike Sonata and fluency with, by and large, accuracy to sonatas by Saint-Saëns and Martinu. In them Miss Torrance demonstrated a carrying, fairly even tone with little vibrato, if a tendency at times to be on the flat side. Finzi's "Five Bagatelles" are straightforward in style and, as the music demands, were simply done. But the rumbustious perkiness of the Malcolm Arnold Sonatina was a little under-characterized by the clarinettist, who could have adopted something of the panache and precision of her outstanding partner, Bryn Turley.

Keith Horner

Seppo Siirala began his recital with a brace of Dowland fantasias and the *familiar* Lachrimae Pavan. These were clear and careful, but without zest: the guitar is a quiet instrument, yet it should not sound as private as this. He was more communicative in Britten's Nocturnal, where the music's variety of gesture clearly was a stimulus, but Jukka Tiensuu's *Ludi*, which had its London premiere, did not seem much of an addition to the repertoire. Its quietly dissonant murmurings sounded like flies on a drowsy summer day, but seriously disturbed, perhaps even "disadvantaged", flies. (Why should the jargon of sociology not be harnessed to the needs of music criticism?) After this, Ponce's imperturbably long-winded Variations on La Folia afforded an excessive relaxation, and it was as well that John Duarte's Suite Piedmontese was tuneful and to the point.

Max Harrison

Staffan Scheja, the 25-year-old Swedish pianist, showed at the Purcell Room just why he won this year's Busoni competition. He began his recital with Busoni's massive arrangement of Bach's Chaconne, where his comprehensive technique and total control of the keyboard were already evident. Haydn's C minor Sonata (Hob 20) was faultlessly played but passed by with too few thoughts given to what lies beyond the notes.

His views on Schumann's *Fantasy* were more decided but not always the right ones. He encompassed the many moods of the first movement, which as so often made it seem complete in itself, but his impetuous, subjective approach led to more extensive freedom than that already indicated by the composer.

Like Alexeev, another prize-winner, the night before at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Scheja was magnificent in Prokofiev's sixth sonata, bringing power and fluency to the outer movements, withdrawn wistfulness to the inner ones. He is obviously a talent to watch, and should go far if the mind can gain greater control over the matter.

Robert Leonardy, who brought a busload of supporters from Saarbrücken with him to the Wigmore, also has a grand, romantic approach, but in his case there were too many corners awkwardly negotiated, too many moments of uncontrolled exuberance for comfort. Schumann's *Faschingsschwank aus Wien* relied too much on intuition and memory, Ravel's *Gaspard de la nuit* too much on the gesture making do for the fact.

Alan Blyth

Sadista Sisters/ Blossom Dearie
Ronnie Scott's

Miles Kington

Until about 10 pm Ronnie Scott's is a ghost club but Transatlantic Records have taken over the club every night from 8 to 9.30 for five weeks to present their latest hopeful group, the Sadista Sisters. What the five girls and their four-man backing group are up to, it seems, is to protest at the image of woman as a sex object, and to parody that image they present a selection of bitter-sweet songs, symbolic sketches, quick-fire inversions of conventional attitudes (one of the girls is well pregnant and flaunts it terribly meaningfully) and a good deal of draping, sometimes in dashing costume, sometimes over each other. It is all rather as if a bunch of *Vogue* models had decided to protest against their slavery but could only express their feelings in terms familiar to them from *Vogue*. I tried to be shocked but ended up rather enjoying the songs.

Blossom Dearie at 11 pm is another matter altogether. Alone at the piano, she plays and sings understated, citified songs, in a fragile, almost inflectionless voice. She seems to take being a woman for granted. Her songs are like a series of *New Yorker* cartoons set to music: "I'm Hip" catalogues the attitudes of a slightly old-fashioned with-it chick, "Pro Musica Antiqua" is wryly on the perils of being picked up at a chic concert, and so on. If you tapped your feet to "The Years with Ross", you will love this.

Appearing opposite Blossom Dearie this week is Lee Konitz, who is such a good alto saxophonist, like a heavier-than-air version of Paul Desmond, that I wish I liked him more—my ears kept turning towards Ron Mathewson's bass playing. Ms Dearie continues next week in tandem with John Williams, guitarist extraordinary, and there is always (or nearly always) the added attraction of Ronnie Scott, comedian extraordinary. On Monday he viewed Ron Mathewson's lumberjack outfit with awe and commented: "Somewhere in London tonight there's a Ford Prefect with no seat covers."

Greek actors not coming to London

The State Theatre of Northern Greece under the direction of Minos Volanakis have had to cancel their London visit owing to unforeseen circumstances. The company was to have performed *Electra* and *The Power of Women* at the New London Theatre during the first week of December.

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Why Scotland will brook no more delay on devolution

The Government's handling of Scottish devolution has been a glorious blend of the expedient with the incompetent. It is not therefore surprising that the result is a political shambles. The policy has lacked conviction, but far more important the Government has failed to assess the psychology of Scotland correctly.

They should first accept the right of the Scottish people to determine their own future. Unlike the Union of the States in America, the Act of Union of 1707 contained the serious drawback that the Scottish Parliament was *dissolved* totally. Scotland has lacked a political forum, and demands for devolution have over the decades been met by successive transfers of administration from Whitehall to St Andrews House in Edinburgh, without a corresponding transfer of political power and democratic answerability.

> "The Government must recognize that either delay or watering-down of their devolution proposals will create further exasperation in Scotland and growing demands for the break-up of the United Kingdom"

Because there is this political vacuum the only way of determining the views of the Scottish people on the constitutional question of altering the terms of the 1707 union is by referendum. There is now respectable precedent for this in the Ulster border poll and the EEC referendum, but a Scottish Liberal MP introduced a Scottish Referendum Bill back in 1967 when such a proposal was regarded as an oddity.

Unhappily, any such proposal now would smack of further delaying tactics, but since the legislative programme has slipped there is no reason why the intervening time should not be put to good use. There is no majority—even amongst Scottish Nationalist Party voters—for independence, and a referendum could usefully clear this issue out of the way and let us concentrate on effective devolution, which is what the great majority of Scots (as shown by every opinion poll ever taken on the subject) actually wants. The holding of such a referendum would in itself be a badly needed recognition of the sovereignty of the Scottish people.

Second, the Government must improve the terminology of devolution. Why on earth do they insist on calling what should be the Scottish Parliament an "assembly"? Why insult Scotland by proposing that our government be headed by a "chief executive" as though the whole thing were nothing but a grandiose local authority? If a Prime Minister was good enough for the province of Northern Ireland, nothing less should satisfy Scotland. Why do they insist on cramming the new body into the totally inadequate former Royal High School? It could be for the very worst reason—its convenience for civil servants across the road.

None of these things should be of much concern to English politicians, but they are important to Scotland. There are two other factors in the psychology of devolution which are, however, of concern to politicians throughout the United Kingdom.

The first is the continued over-representation of Scotland by 71 MPs in the Commons. The Kilbrandon Commission recommended quite properly that once powers were transferred to Edinburgh the over-representation of the Scots at Westminster should cease and our MPs be reduced to 56, giving equal representation for England. Now, if powers are effectively being transferred the commission's logic is irrefutable. What English MPs are going to put up with my voting on their legislation on housing, for example, when Scottish legislation on the same subject has been transferred to Edinburgh? Nor can the Government argue for the continued under-representation of Ulster by 12 MPs whose domestic Parliament has been suspended, while a country with one just created is over-represented. The failure of the Government to accept the reduction in the number of Scottish MPs and corresponding reduction in the power of the Secretary of State for Scotland can only be interpreted in Scotland as meaning relatively little power for a Scottish government and Parliament.

The other matter of concern to the whole of the United Kingdom is the public benefit from oil revenues. Now, both Labour and Tory governments resisted nationalist claims by arguing that Scotland could not afford to be self-governing. It was a silly ground on which to base their case, and one which opened up beneath them with the discoveries of North Sea oil. From both an economic and political viewpoint there is sound reason for placing one source of oil revenues under the control of a Scottish Parliament, leaving us free to have an income which would incidentally reduce any treasury block grant, but which could be directly applied to development of the Scottish economy. Such a rational approach is essential if we are not to leave the way open to the "lollipop democracy" approach of the SNP, who promise that everything from Chrysler's troubles to dental caries will be cured by Scottish oil.

In Scotland there is greater interest than in England among politicians in all parties about some form of proportionate electoral system. Given a four-party line-up there are even stronger arguments against translating the Westminster system undamaged to Edinburgh. If the new Scottish government is to succeed it must be genuinely representative of Scottish public opinion. The royal commission, too, was unanimous in recommending this.

The delay in the previously announced programme for legislation has been caused by the failure of the Tory and Labour Parties to consider the matter in enough detail and convert their backbenchers. Since we are faced with delay, it should be used to constructive purpose. Immediately after publication of the White Paper tomorrow, a constitutional conference (or prelegislation select committee) should be set up to hammer out some of the disagreements *before* legislation. To do nothing until the Bill is published is to invite further catastrophic delay during the passage of legislation, with the possible inglorious end which befell House of Lords reform.

The Government must recognize that either delay or watering-down of their devolution proposals will create further exasperation in Scotland and growing demands for total independence and the break-up of the United Kingdom. The policies will not be right until these basic facts of Scottish political life are accepted.

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Outmanned and outgunned, the Army cannot win the battle for South Armagh

The murder of three young Fusiliers on the border near Crossmaglen on Saturday will do nothing to raise the morale of British soldiers serving in Ulster. It may, however, raise the hopes of serving officers who have been pressing for offensive action against the IRA, for the rule of the Provisionals in this corner of the United Kingdom is now more complete than ever it was in Londonderry and the enclave at the height of "No-Go".

Whatever the detailed findings of the Army inquiry into these latest killings, most officers believe that the murder of soldiers in South Armagh will continue while the Army remains outnumbered and outgunned by the IRA.

By putting observation posts on the border near Crossmaglen the Fusiliers were making a brave attempt at the correct military solution to the IRA in South Armagh—highly aggressive patrolling by small groups of soldiers.

If a four-man patrol is to be left on its own in an area of intense enemy activity and surrounded by a hostile population, it must either have reinforcements capable of reaching it within five minutes or else it must be dug in so as to withstand a more prolonged attack. The reinforcements must be at instant readiness when the patrol is moving in and out of position.

The Fusiliers were probably unable to dig in without giving themselves away. It is equally likely that reinforcements were not instantly available because there were not enough troops at Crossmaglen to provide a proper back-up force 24 hours a day.

The IRA on the other hand have every advantage: living in comfort south of the border they will wait until cold, discomfort and lack of sleep take the edge of the alertness of a small observation post and then hit it with as many men as they feel are necessary. There is only one way for the British Army to deal with this capability and that is to bring in more troops to South Armagh. This Mr Rees has refused to do.

The British Army is also outgunned in South Armagh where they are often fired on from far greater ranges than in the cities. Their weapons consist of the self loading rifle with an accurate range of 300 metres, the general purpose machine gun with a range of about 1,000 metres and the Sterling sub-machine gun which is effective to about 75 metres.

With these conventional small arms they have to take on an enemy who can hit them when and where he likes and with any weapon he chooses. The IRA have effective mortars in which they are well trained by Paddy O'Kane, an ex-Parachute Regiment mortar platoon colour sergeant. They have achieved pin-point accuracy with these at 1,200 metres. They have the RPG 7, the latest Russian anti-tank rocket which is effective against armoured vehicles and fortified positions at up to 500 metres. Their small arms include Garand rifles, Russian AK47 Kalashnikovs, bren guns and Browning heavy machine guns, the latter with a range of 2,000 metres.

If the IRA use these weapons from well prepared defensive positions south of the border, there is no way the British Army can destroy their enemy. They have been issued with two inch mortars, but the high explosive ammunition has to be kept 35 miles away at Ballykinler—useless and out of reach. The two inch is anyway inferior in performance to the mortars used by the IRA.

Green Archer, the device in service with the British Army for locating enemy mortar base plate positions has not been used, nor have such effective anti-bunker weapons such as the shoulder-controlled Carl Gustav gun or the 76 mm gun of the Saladin armoured car. Even the phosphorous grenade, the only effective means the British infantryman has for making a protective smoke screen when ambushed, has been banned on the grounds that it would be regarded as escalation and therefore politically unacceptable.

It is against this background that the Army has suffered more than 200 casualties in South Armagh since 1969, as against single figures for the IRA.

The IRA call the area "the Independent Republic of South Armagh" and for the past year they have been in control, killing carefully selected groups of soldiers at will. The symbol of this power is the Irish tricolour which flies over the town hall at Crossmaglen and which is judiciously allowed to remain there by the small force of British soldiers in the town. There is little patrolling carried out by the Army and none by the RUC, military vehicles rarely being allowed to patrol south of Newtown Hamilton which is about 10 miles to the north of Crossmaglen.

IRA road blocks are more frequent than those of the Army and rarely is anything done to try to catch those responsible. The permanent Army posts at Crossmaglen and Forkhill have to be supplied by air and both are at full stretch defending their own positions and have no spare capacity for other operations.

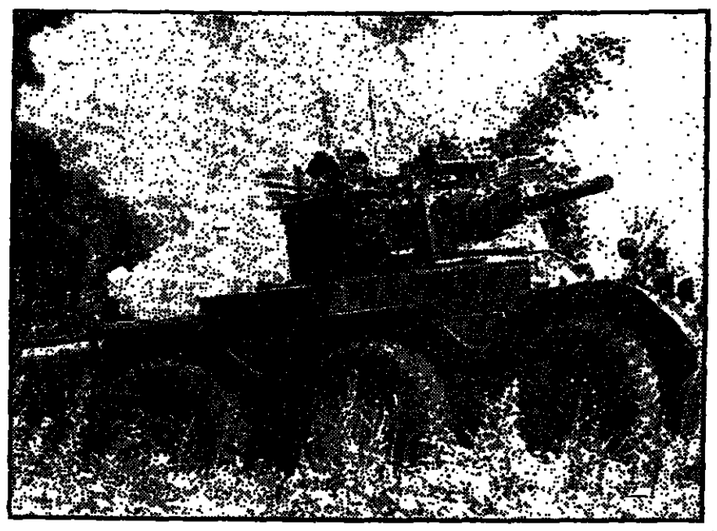
Earlier this year the Provisionals attacked a post at Drumaghervall seventeen times in seventeen days without being effectively counter-attacked, and British officers have been given Military Crosses for their brave defence of these tiny strongholds representing British rule. But perhaps the incident which best illustrates the situation in South Armagh is that recently it took a company operation with helicopters to serve summonses on two men living in the area.

Both Mr Rees and Mr Orme have said that they regard South Armagh as a separate problem from the rest of Ulster. Few of the actual combatants in the province would agree with this view.

In November last year, just before the ceasefire with the IRA was announced and the security forces believed for the first time that they were beating the terrorists, the IRA were able to deny their claim by citing the state of anarchy that still existed in South Armagh.

The majority of Army officers believe that to break the morale of the Provisionals, their heroes, the 2nd (Crossmaglen) Battalion, must be destroyed. As one officer serving in Ulster said recently: "South Armagh is the flaming torch of IRA success in Ulster; beat them there and we will win".

By a Special Correspondent who has served recently in the Army in Ulster.



A Saladin armoured car on patrol in Northern Ireland.

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Choosing the wrong tools for the job

Continuing our occasional series on new words and new meanings

The change from description to evaluation is one of the most potent agents for decaying meanings. A word starts life, like a new tool, with a sharp descriptive edge. Humans, in their propensity to exaggeration and carelessness, use words that are meant to be descriptive chisels as evaluative screwdrivers. And, before you know where you are, you are left with a box full of blunt tools, and a hazy vocabulary. Here follow a few tools that are at present being misused:

Democracy: No government has ever run successfully for long on a programme of continuous power to the people, which is what the etymology of the word implies. Fifth century Athens managed, spasmodically and not well, only by not counting women and slaves as citizens. Today tyrannical, dictatorial, and oligarchical regimes use *democratic* as an empty pro-word to mean "better than the government next door, and if you try to go there to see for yourself you will be shot". Cf. the use of *freedom* as a vague value word to mean "You wouldn't like freedom if we let you have it, anyway". The prison in Havana is called *Campo Liberdad*.

Communist, Fascist, Moderate, Radical, etc.: Once used to describe adherents of clearly defined political programmes, philosophies, or attitudes. Now generally used as ritual abuse of those with whom the speaker does not agree.

Holocaust: Originally, a total burnt-offering in which nothing was spared from the flames. Now, any fire that merits the attention of one or more fire engines.

Decimate: Originally, to execute one in ten of mutinous or cowardly soldiers, to encourage the others; the main reason that the Roman legions tended to carry on fighting, while the opposition's virtue ran to their legs. Now, merely to destroy, kill, or even injure.

Legend: Originally, a traditional but unauthentic or non-historical story. Now used to describe some person or organization having a special place in public esteem. The BBC described Caruso as "a legendary figure" the other day. When Winston Churchill's cat died, it was described by Peterborough of *The Daily Telegraph* as "a legendary figure". BMW motor dealers recently invited potential customers, alarmingly, "to drive a legend". This vulgar misuse is too recent to have been noticed by the lexicographers, but the original offender appears to have been Lytton Strachey. In *Eminent Victorians* he described Florence Nightingale on adjacent pages as "a living legend in her lifetime" and "a living legend who flitted for a moment . . ."

Truth: Originally, a concept with a number of associated meanings complicated enough to occupy a wrangle of philosophers for a century. Now, little more than the official line uttered by a Downing Street spokesman or some other professional liar. Note:

"Leave *Truth* to the police and us; we know the *Good*;
We build the Perfect City time shall never alter."
(Auden, *Journey to a War*).

The man who uses tools for the wrong jobs reduces the efficiency of the carpentry shed for himself and everybody else.

Philip Howard

Bernard Levin

Naming names in a good week for democracy

It was to be expected that the now-famous Declaration of Intent on the part of the fun-revolutionary faction in Actors' Equity—"The dis-franchisement of the non-militant majority is an essential safeguard for the democratization of our union"—would find favour among similar groups in other trade unions; I did not, however, expect to find the Communist Party (a rather more experienced and sophisticated body, after all, than Vanessa's Loonies) responding to the colossal victory of the democratic slate in the most recent round of elections in the AUEW with sentiments quite so naively couched as those of the editorial in the *Morning Star* as it surveyed the virtual annihilation of all the communist and communist-sponsored candidates. "The threat of imposing postal ballots by law", wrote the CP's newspaper, "needs to be resisted by the whole labour movement. The unions must be free to decide their own procedures". In view of the fact that the engineers' massive rejection of communists and fellow-travellers was the direct result of postal ballot procedures decided by the union and resisted with malpractices so flagrant that the moderates had to go to law twice to get the democratic decision enforced, the CP's indignation is understandable; but it is touching to see how the comrades' rage has led them to reveal so plainly their determination to restrict wherever possible the spread of participation by the union's members in the union's elections.

Even more amusing was the reaction of Mr Bob Wright to news of the enormous margin—he got 20,000 votes to the 45,000 of his firmly anti-communist opponent, Mr Terry Duffy—by which he lost his seat on the union's executive. (Mr Wright is not himself a member of the Communist Party, but his position in his relation to it may perhaps be most accurately and delicately suggested by recalling the response of Lady Bracknell to Jack Worthing's claim to be a Liberal Unionist: "Oh, they count as Tories. They dine with us. Or come in the evening, at any rate".) The left had campaigned harder for him than for any candidate except Mr Jimmy Reid, the communist standard-bearer in Scotland; facing the landslide by which he had been removed from the executive, Mr Wright declared that the "scurrilous press campaign has taken out of the hands of the members determination of who shall be their officials"; the charm of this remark can only be fully appreciated in the light of the knowledge that the last time Wright held his seat, before the institution of the postal ballot, fewer than 10 per cent of the members exercised their vote, whereas his defeat occurred in a (postal) election in which almost 40 per cent of the members took into their hands the determination of who should be their officials.

The AUEW executive is now firmly in the hands of moderates, and since the new general secretary, Mr John Boyd, is the man who has led the fight against Communist influence in the union, the result of these elections (there were also a substantial number of contests for other posts, such as national organizer and district secretary, in all of which only one Communist, and no fellow-traveller, succeeded) is as significant as it is heartening. It was instructive, during the long campaign, to see how the publication in a number of newspapers of the names and political positions of the candidates (I gave such lists, as did Mr Woodrow Wyatt in the *Sunday Mirror*, and the same thing was done in the *Daily Express* and the *Sun*) aroused the fury of the left. To those whose one hope was in keeping the poll as low as possible, and in concealing the political affiliations of Communist and fellow-travelling candidates, such publicity must indeed have been unwelcome; but the members of the union gave their answer, not only in their choice among candidates, but in the record numbers by which they did their choosing; the average vote was four or five times what it had been before postal ballots were introduced, and in some instances as much as 10 times.

It has been a good week, then, for trade union democracy. But when one door shuts, another opens. The electricians' and plumbers' union is holding elections for six seats on its national executive council, and the struggle is critical. To anyone who knows the modern history of this union, any suggestion that it is in danger of falling into left-extremist control must seem astonishing; the electrical half of the union, after all, is the old ETU, the union which was stolen from its members by the Communist Party, and held for years, by ballot-rigging, forgery and fraud. The CP's hold on the ETU was finally broken by the famous court case in 1961, and since then the rules of the cleansed union (carried over when the ETU amalgamated with the plumbers' union) have debarred members of the Communist Party from standing for the executive.

But this sword has two edges; the rule makes it much harder to identify, in the minds of the members, the Communist Party's favoured candidates. In the present round of elections not all the candidates opposing the leading moderates are Communists or fellow-travellers; but the moderates are supporters not only of democracy but of the fight against inflation, including such measures as the £6 limit on pay increases. Their opponents from the left talk of "restoring democracy" to the union, by which they mean the branch voting system (which gave the Communist Party its original chance to seize power). It is interesting to note that the election addresses of the candidates supported by the Communists almost all make the same points—the two main ones being opposition to the £6 limit and an end to the ban on Communist office-holders; even so, many members of the union may well not know which candidates should be supported by those who reject the Communists and the other left extremists. As I did with the AUEW, therefore, I am going to give a list of the leading moderate candidates and of those whom the Communists wish to see win. (Possibly there are members of the union who do not read *The Times*; still, those who do can no doubt wield a pair of scissors.)

In Division No 3, which covers Scotland and Ireland (vacancy caused by death), there are three candidates. The one the Communists are supporting is named Barlow; the union moderates wish to see Gaffney—a Labour Party member—elected.

In Division 4, the Liverpool division, there is a straight fight between the sitting member Mr Tom Breakell, who spoke so admirably and forthrightly, at the TUC Conference this year, against the canonization of the Shrewsbury Martyrs, and Mr Eddie Sabino, who is supported by the Communists.

In Division 7 (Wales and the West) the moderate sitting member, Mr Bernard Clarke, is faced by the Communist-supported Mr Wyn Bevan.

In Division 8 (part of London, plus parts of Kent and Hampshire), there is a moderate sitting member, Mr Eric Hammond, faced by three others; those wishing to see the moderates retain control should vote for Hammond and not use their alternative preferences.

In Division 10 (part of London, plus parts of the Home Counties) there is another straight fight, between the moderate sitting member, Mr Bill Blair, and Mr Fred Gore, who is supported by the Communists.

Finally, in Division 11 (part of London, plus East Anglia) the sitting moderate, Mr Eric Clayton, is opposed by the Communist supported John Aitkin.

Ballot-papers have been going out for some days, and must be returned by December 9. Some of the contests are expected to be close, and every vote counts. No doubt articles like this one will be fiercely resented by the left, who would prefer the union's members not to know which candidates the Communists are supporting. But if anything I have written should be even indirectly helpful in securing even one more vote for a moderate candidate in so crucial an election for a union with so traumatic a political history, I shall be well content. The union's motto, after all, is "Light and Liberty", and I have often noticed that those two seem to go together.

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The Times Diary

Hard times for our man in Hanoi

My report this week about the appalling parsimony of the British ambassador in Brussels, whose risible £4 gift to a Belgian Christmas charity was noted in the local evening paper, seems to be symptomatic of a rigorous economy drive in our overseas missions. The latest instance of this comes from North Vietnam.

Our correspondent Bruce Palling spent a week there recently, and called on the British ambassador in Hanoi, John Stewart. Palling noticed that His Excellency was mysteriously clutching a small bag of tools. "Sorry for my appearance", he explained, "but I have just started laying the carpet upstairs in the residency".

Not that there is all that much else to do in Hanoi when an ambassador's work day is over—though when he feels in low spirits he can always resort to the mynah bird at the back of the embassy, which has been trained to sing *God Save the Queen*. He can also reflect on his good fortune that North Vietnam is about the only country in the world still unaware that the exchange rate for the pound is no longer $2.50.

On the other hand, there is not much to buy with his over-valued pounds, except on the rare occasions when a consignment of whisky, champagne or cosmetics arrives at the International Store, having been "liberated" from old American stocks in the South. The cosmetics, though, are not available for long. They are snatched up eagerly by the large army of Russian wives in the northern capital.

With the only night life being Russian or Vietnamese revolutionary films, Hanoi is hardly a soft post. One East European diplomat, though, arrives once every six months at the Reunification Hotel for his semi-annual leave.

"Why a holiday in Hanoi?" he was asked by a visitor. He explained that his permanent post was in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, where the only diversion is to count the number of times each day the name of President Kim Il Sung is mentioned. Everything is comparative.

An advertisement in the Thanet Times appeals for "bonified sub-contract plastering labour" for a site in Broadstairs.

Not enough

It is time to brace yourself to be of good cheer: There is a shortage of Christmas trees. According to Alan Jones, of the Timber Growers' Organization, there will be 30 per cent fewer domestic trees in the shops this Christmas and prices will be up by 30 per cent. A 4ft tree will cost about £1.60 against £1.20 last year.

"There will not be enough trees for everyone", Jones warned yesterday. "Near Christmas there will be a mad rush." His advice was to buy early and to keep your trees in a cold place until you put them up.

The shortage is a result of a glut in 1969 and 1970, following which many trees were burned. Stocks were further hit by frosts in May and June this year. More trees are now being planted and, according to Jones, there could be another glut in the early 80s, which means, of course, that there will probably be another shortage in the mid-80s.

Jones, who runs Yattendon Estates, near Newbury, Berkshire, gave out the bad news in a public bar close to the Forestry Commission's Alice Holt Forest on the borders of Surrey and Hampshire. He and other forest people had gathered there after witnessing the felling of a 30ft Norwegian spruce which will go on display at Waterloo Station on behalf of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

The tree should be in full glow by next Tuesday.

It comes from a part of the forest which is entered through a gate marked: "Genetics Station. Experimental Area." A woman from the Forestry Commission said: "They are probably trying to grow super trees."

Celebration

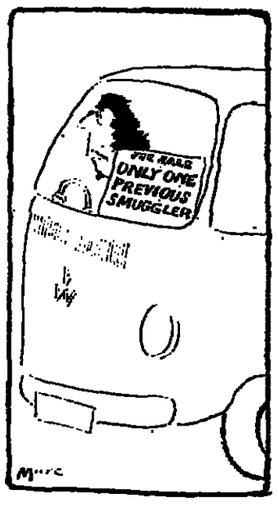
Things are humming down at Ambridge these days. Dan and Doris are getting ready for a major anniversary. Brookfield Farm will be the scene of a big party on New Year's Eve. Philip has written a book which is a best-seller within a week of publication, and there will shortly be a power cut in the piggery. It all has to do with the fact that *The Archers* will be 25 years old on January 1, and the cast of the BBC's longest running radio drama, are planning a celebration in fact as well as in fiction.

Last week the Archers were recording a batch of episodes, including the one for New Year's Day, and my reporter went to Ambridge to meet the family and their friends:

Ambridge is located in studio three of the BBC's Birmingham production centre, a mere boundary shot from Edgbaston cricket ground. The nearest its fictional existence has come to an exact map reference was a passing comment in a recent edition about Stratford-on-Avon. Many regular listeners did not like such exactness, and wrote to say so.

"Ambridge is wherever you want it to be", said Tony Shryane, the producer who has been responsible for almost all the 25 years' output. "The programme is like an anaesthetic; the signature tune at the beginning puts you under, and the tune at the end wakes you up again."

Both Shryane and Jock Gallagher, BBC head of programmes in Birmingham, deny that the series is a romanticized, unreal, idealistic view of rural English life. "We have had illegitimate babies, murder, near-rape. And the little traumas of Ambridge, like the closing of the local school, and the traumas of real life. We even had a farm worker being thrown out of his tied cottage last year, and we got a telegram of congratulation from the general secretary of the farm workers' union", said Gallagher.



"Of course there are some things we wouldn't do, like bulldozing a motorway through Ambridge. That is probably the greatest trauma of country life today, but it would kill the programme." Gallagher added that many listeners wrote to complain that the series was not idealized enough.

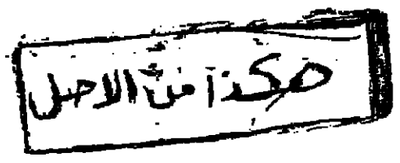
Downstairs in Studio Three Shryane, a perfectionist, was recording an apparently straightforward short scene of Paul Johnson getting off a train, meeting his wife Christine, and having a few words with her about their son Peter's education. They did it seven times before Shryane was satisfied. In the middle of it, Lesley Saweard, who plays Christine, broke off from the script to debate with Shryane behind the control-room glass about whether the programme was for or against comprehensive schools. A script editor was summoned, and it was decided that the line about sending young Peter to private school in London was quite in keeping with Ambridge educational policy.

Upstairs in the canteen Edgar Harrison, who has played Dan Archer for seven years, was lunching with his two wives: Doris from the serial and Kaye from real life. Doris is Gwen Berryman, a spry 68-year-old who lives in Torquay and travels up for the recordings. Harrison, who is also 68 although Dan Archer is said to be in his late seventies, motors up from Bristol during the five days each month that episodes are recorded.

"If anyone said 'Dan' behind me, I would automatically turn round", said Harrison. "It is very difficult to shake off the character, particularly when people recognize your voice wherever you go. But I love it."

Those who believe that British workmen lack determination should consider this introduction to an article in Natural Gas. *"Dave Colley reports on progress so far with the Frigg gas pipeline. He has found the two pipes on the beach-head near St Fergus, Scotland, ready to be linked with the undersea pipeline to the gas fields. He has talked to the men in the field of their problems, and of their determination to finish the project before supplies begin coming ashore."*

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POWER STRUGGLE IN PORTUGAL

For eighteen months different Portuguese governments have tried to establish their authority by political means. Now the sixth of these governments has had to fall back on military power. It more or less forced the present confrontation by suspending its activities last week and demanding that the President live up to his guarantee that "the armed forces would create the necessary conditions for the normal exercise of the activity of the state". The demand followed logically from the recent episode when Admiral Pinheiro de Azevedo, the Prime Minister, was besieged in his office by building workers. They demanded, and eventually received, a 45 per cent wage increase in direct defiance of the Government's economic policy. General Otelo de Carvalho, commander of the Lisbon military region, refused to send troops to rescue the Prime Minister. After that he declined to relinquish his command, which has now been taken from him.

This was only the latest of a series of challenges to the Government's authority which included a number of military mutinies, the illegal take-over of farms, and arming of some militants of the far left. Until now the Prime Minister has tried not to force a confrontation because he was realistic enough to see that he could not be sure of victory and he feared provoking a civil war. But no government can let its authority slip away indefinitely. There comes a point when it must put its power to the test and either govern or resign. That point has now come for Admiral de Azevedo.

The President had very little choice but to support him because there is no obvious alternative to the present Government, unsatisfactory though it is. Yet even if it survives the military challenge it will be far from out of the wood. It was formed by thinly papering over the deep differences between the three parties. Almost immediately the cracks began to appear. The Communists would not talk to the Popular Democrats, whom they describe as "reactionaries". Nor will they support the Government's economic policies, including wage restraint, which are necessary to get the country out of its severe troubles. For this reason, among several others, Dr Soares, the Socialist leader, has attacked the communists as the "principal saboteurs of the revolution". Meanwhile the communists play up the danger of a right-wing coup, which exists but which they themselves are increasing.

In this situation the President has few choices open to him. He cannot easily go back to pure military government because the military are still divided, even though more officers are now becoming aware of the urgent need to get to grips with the practical problems of running the country. In any case the political parties are still strong enough to challenge anything but an extremely ruthless military government, and that would itself be undermined from within the armed forces.

What ought to happen is that the leaders of the three political parties have their heads knocked together by the President and are told to get on with the job. But the Communists, in spite of their flexible tactics, are so committed to revolutionary orthodoxy that they would probably rather go into opposition than become junior partners in a government which seemed to them too reactionary. And in opposition they could still cause a lot of trouble.

One of the basic problems in Portugal is that too many different groups think they have a legitimate claim to power. None is strong enough to govern effectively but each is strong enough to undermine the power of any other. The armed forces think they have a claim to power because they toppled the previous regime. The Socialist and the Popular Democrats think they should govern because together they won a substantial majority of votes in the elections. The Communists rest their claim not only on ideology but on their consistent organized opposition to Salazar. Like the communist parties of western Europe after the war, they feel they are being cheated of their inheritance and are frightened of being pushed back into illegality or impotence. They are also under constant challenge from the more extreme left.

Thus no simple solution is in sight. The best hope is that the natural reluctance of Portuguese to shoot at each other will combine with growing weariness of anarchy to rally political and military support for the present Government. The days of revolutionary euphoria are over in Portugal. So is the time for endless debates on theories of popular democracy. The armed forces failed to provide effective government. The communists failed in their initial bid for power. Now it should be the turn of the parties who have shown that they have a majority of the people behind them. But in order to prevail they need the army behind them as well.

A FAIR TYPE OF TRIAL FOR EACH OFFENCE

When the James Committee was set up two years ago to look into the distribution of criminal business between the two tiers of courts, the Crown Court was operating under great pressure. Its workload was more than it could handle efficiently, and the resultant delays in cases coming to trial were causing concern, especially where the defendants affected were in custody. There has been a gradual but significant improvement since then, partly because of the opening of new courts. Delays are now within acceptable limits in all areas of England and Wales, with the exception of the higher courts in London, and in those too, there has been a reduction in the average time spent awaiting trial, although it is still too long. Proposals for improving the system, which the James Committee has now made, no longer need to be treated with the urgency that was expected when it began its work. Nevertheless the report should not be allowed to be neglected, either because of pressure on Parliamentary time or because it is thought that the need for the reforms is no longer acute.

Many of the recommendations would have the effect of tidying up a system of distribution of criminal cases which, as the report says, is complicated, confusing and anomalous. The reasons for particular types of cases being dealt with by one court or another are often historical rather than logical. There is particular confusion in the middle range of cases, which can be tried either by magistrates or on indictment by the Crown Court. There are no less than four different procedures governing these cases, the subtleties of difference between them creating difficulties even for experienced lawyers. The James Committee wants there to be a total of three categories of crimes; those tried only summarily, those tried only on indictment, and a single intermediate category which would allow a defendant to choose trial by jury rather than by the magistrates.

It is in the allocation of offences into these categories that the James Committee makes its most controversial proposals. Some of its recommendations would take away the right to trial by jury from defendants who under the existing system have that right. The main reason for an innocent person choosing to go before a jury is that he has more faith in the ability of a jury to correctly acquit him, than in the magistrates. A guilty person has an equally simple reason. He believes that a jury gives him a better chance of being wrongly acquitted. This approach is true both of the professional criminal and of the middle-class defendant on a motoring charge.

There is no doubt that serious cases before the Crown Court have had to be kept waiting while long jury trials take place on drinking-and-driving offences and on trivial theft charges. The James Committee's answer to what is arguably in many cases an abuse of the right to choose a jury trial is to make these two types of cases triable by magistrates only. This is the right decision for the breathalyser type of offence, and the less serious cases of bad driving. Long sentences of imprisonment are rarely passed on defendants convicted of motoring offences. There is little or no social stigma. The punishment of disqualification from driving, and a fine, is usually adequate.

The same is not true of trivial thefts. The consequences of conviction for a dishonesty offence can be severe. Apart from the social stigma attached, there is often a chance that the offender's employment will be at risk, not only immediately but in the future as well. Many cases of shoplifting, for instance, involve less than £20 worth of goods. The accused are often persons of good character, some in positions of prominence in the community. People for whom conviction on a trivial charge can have such grotesquely disproportionate effect on their lives ought not to be totally denied the right to choose trial by jury. A compromise between the James Committee proposals and the existing system is possible. Trivial thefts could normally be tried summarily, but the defendant would have the right to apply to the magistrate for trial before a jury in the Crown Court. His application would be granted if he could show that conviction on the charge would have particularly harmful consequences to him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Imports from the poorer countries

From Mr John Tanner and others

Sir, Whatever the arguments for or against import controls it is vital that manufacturers from poorer countries should continue to find a market in Britain.

A compendium of controls already exists for example for textiles imported from developing countries. Yet the tariffs, quotas, licensing and "voluntary agreements" have done little to help the British textile industry out of its difficulties.

Whatever our problems the balance of payments and unemployment positions of poor countries like India or Pakistan are much worse. The poor in the Third World cannot be expected to tighten their belts for a still relatively affluent Britain.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TANNER, World Development Movement;
JOHN HASTINGS, Methodist Church, Division of Social Responsibility;
CECIL EVANS, Friends, Peace and International Relations Committee;
PETER BURNS, War on Want.
November 21.

Picasso's 'Guernica'

From Professor Herschel B. Chipp

Sir, The passing of Francisco Franco now makes it possible for one of Spain's most renowned exiles to return to its homeland. It is Picasso's painting "Guernica," his greatest work and probably the most important history painting of the twentieth century. Loaned by the artist to the Museum of Modern Art, New York, for safekeeping during the Second World War, it has become in the meantime a world symbol of man's abhorrence of warfare as an instrument of terror against noncombatants.

Picasso has upon several occasions stated that after the end of the Franco regime and when conditions were improved, he wished the painting to go to Spain, a desire which has been confirmed by his lawyers (*New York Times*, October 29, 1969, April 11, 1973). As early as 1969, both the Spanish Director General of Fine Arts and Franco himself have expressed their desire that "Guernica" find its permanent home in Spain where it could be featured in the new museum of modern art in Madrid.

Following the death of Picasso in 1973, a nationwide clamour for the painting arose, including the voice of the mayor of the city of Guernica, whose destruction by an air attack provided Picasso with his subject (*Ya*, Madrid, April 10, 1973, *New York Times*, April 14, 1973).

Picasso's widow and his three children now have the opportunity to honour his wishes and send his painting to Spain, where once again in its history it could exert a powerful force for humanity. The gift of "Guernica" to the Spanish people could, by its message of universal suffering in warfare, help heal the wounds of the bitter Civil War. It could be a stimulus towards a freer and more humane regime under their new leader, and it could even become a symbol before the world of a more unified and a more liberal country.

Sincerely,
HERSCHEL B. CHIPP,
Professor of the History of Art, University of California, Berkeley, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz.
November 20.

General Franco's funeral

From Mr James Wellbeloved, Labour MP for Bexley, Erith and Crayford

Sir, How sad to read Terry Boston's apologia (November 24) for the dispatch of a Labour Cabinet Minister to General Franco's funeral.

Of course the hand of friendship must continue to be extended to the Spanish people and influence exerted to help the return of democracy to Spain, but such worthy aspirations do not rest upon condoning the past by honouring the memory of a dictator by the presence of a British Labour Cabinet Minister at his funeral. Democracy did not embrace Hitler to rekindle the flame of liberty among the German people.

Participation at the installation of the new Spanish head of state can signify our hope for the future. Absence from General Franco's funeral would have demonstrated our condemnation of the past.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WELLBELOVED,
House of Commons,
November 24.

National Parks policy

From Mr Edward W. Hart

Sir, Mr C. R. M. Ward asks for submissions on National Parks policy (letter, November 10). There need only be one. Scrap them. As an agricultural journalist who has met some hundreds of hill farmers during the autumn sheep sales, I have encountered universal hostility from them against authorities apparently concerned solely with town visitors, and not at all with the resident population within the parks.

One dales farmer is not allowed to build a bungalow on his own land, on the spot he had set his heart on to retire. Another in the upper dales has built a new dairy unit (after National Parks opposition) and cannot gain planning permission to covert his now disused traditional steading into cottages with magnificent views. A third has had to make journeys of 40 miles for the National Parks officer to decide which shade of tile he must use in a farmstead already variously composed of brick, pantile, stone and asbestos.

Hill farmers and shepherds are among the hardest and basically most productive workers in the country. Their efforts are being strangled by National Parks, a deadweight of bureaucracy which we simply cannot afford.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD W. HART,
East House,
Gayle,
Hawes,
North Yorkshire.

Availability of explosives to terrorists

From Mr C. H. Rolph

Sir, I have belonged to a number of pressure groups and reformist societies in my time; keeping clear (I've always thought) of the ones that are demanding the impossible—of which there has never been any noticeable shortage. Mine have always been concerned with what have seemed to me urgent problems whose solution was by no means impossible but about which no government, whatever its colour, would ever do anything ungoaded.

I suppose we can all see, now, that no government will ever do anything *effective* about the availability of modern explosives for use by terrorists. If the events of the past 12 months have not shown that, it's a truth that will go for ever unnoticed.

Some government might just conceivably make it a bit more difficult—nothing could be easier at the moment—for us to buy nitric acid, glycerine, sodium chlorate, ammonium nitrate, and the various weedkillers and fertilizers from which we can produce bangs; and with these we can make self-detonating explosives until, our attention momentarily distracted, we do some little thing wrong. But explosives like commercial gelignite, now gradually superseding the press and lobbying campaigns, the vote, and the corner meeting, are useless without detonators; and these, we are told, are now produced in enormous quantities, are easily smuggled, and cannot be effectively controlled.

Can't they? While we go on believing this, they never will, and in the next few years hundreds of people, perhaps thousands, will be murdered by means of them. In Ireland alone there are half a dozen factions busy murdering each other and then (for money) telling the police who did it, for reasons rather less intelligible to the average Englishman than the horrifying daily news-diet of political homicide in so many other parts of the world.

There will be, in fact there is, a growing demand for the return of the death penalty, the most futile step of all. This is coming from people, and I am appalled to see some old friends of mine among them, who simply cannot see—even after the recent series of mistaken convictions and "free pardons"—that you can catch and kill the wrong people; that you will have to hang whole networks of conspirators, including perhaps people held as hostages in a getaway car after a bombing; that people who are "accessories" under the Explosive Substances Act of 1883 will all be "punishable as principals" (ie, as murderers) and that this will include all those soliciting money for the various terrorist organizations so proudly "claiming" responsibility for the murders. Hanging the convicted terrorists would, it is clear, make some of us feel better, but the price of it would be much higher than we are paying now.

I notice that the demand for hanging comes largely from those who think we should withdraw all our troops from Ulster. They have failed, surely, to notice that among the murderers are Ulstermen who want the troops to stay there. I don't know whether these would stage a bombing campaign to get the troops back, but if so the gallows would be busier than at any time since the dawn of the nineteenth century.

The rigid control of detonators, and of self-detonating explosives, would be an extremely difficult business. But who can possibly say, bearing in mind this country's miraculous achievements in the last war, that it *can't be done*? And why is there no movement, no pressure group, no kind of association concerned to see that it *is* done, or indeed concerned with anything more relevant than whether to hang or not to hang offenders who have absolutely no thought whatsoever for any form of deterrent?

Look through the telephone directory at the incredible list of societies for the suppression of this and the propagation of that, some of them fatuous almost beyond belief, and marvel with me that there is no Control of Explosives Society, badgering the Government every day with its demands for something more intelligent than a return to hanging, the re-erection of scaffolds in the prisons where they used to be, and the recruitment of state killers able to judge, from the weight of a prisoner (who, *might* have been wrongly convicted), the exact length of the drop that will break his neck.

Yours, etc,
C. H. ROLPH,
Rushett Edge,
Bramley, Guildford.
November 23.

Bertrand Russell

From Mr Michael Burn

Sir, Since I was a friend of Bertrand Russell and three years ago wrote for you the article on the centenary of his birth, I feel a special challenge to comment on the general reaction with which the press have met Mr Ronald Clark's biography of him, published the other day. So far I have only read enough of the book to see that, whatever it is not, it obviously is the result of long research. The reviews, with the usual honourable exceptions, are a different matter. So many have taken their tone from the instalments in *The Sunday Times*, which have concentrated almost entirely on Russell's sex life; reaching their nadir with the headline to Dame Rebecca West's article "Bertie In Hot Pursuit".

It seems that our national mythology is about to adopt as its archetype of libertines a man who slept with no one till, at the age of 22, he married, then for about seven years only with his wife, then for about nine years, till he was nearly 40, with no one; a *faune*, in other words, with a monogamous morning no high noon, a busy *après-midi*, and a long and serenely happy evening with his last wife (which the instalments find worth no more than a footnote). This is not Casanova.

The Sunday Times advertised the instalments as a chronicle of Russell's "countless loves". I have had no difficulty in counting them. Readers may care to do the same, and then make up their own minds whether or not the total, over so long a life, adds up to their picture of a "satyr"; and also whether a satyr would have been interested in maintaining such devoted friendships as Russell did (for example, with Lady Ottoline Morrell), continuing long after the love affair was over and, with her, until her death.

A biographer of Russell is doubtless obliged to say a good deal about his loves, not for the sake of scandal, but because he helped to pioneer what was by him called the "new morality" and has since been restyled *ad nauseum* the "permissive society". One expects to find in the reviews some serious discussion of what he meant by it, how workable it is, where he personally succeeded, and where he failed. One also expects something of the frustrations and miseries of his early life, that help to elucidate the kind of person he became. Of all that, almost nothing.

One is glad to learn yet again that great men have had great weaknesses; it makes it easier to identify. But so many reviews have been conducted on so trivial, vulgar, and even spiteful a level, that one receives almost no idea of the way he transmuted some of those weaknesses, or of their submersion and generalization into the weaknesses of mankind, that led to some of his most influential work and a deeper tolerance amongst us all.

A final point, among many that occur to me. In old age Russell gave his wife the manuscript of a lyric that now prefaces his autobiography. One reviewer called it "doggerel". I am a poet, and it seems to me a beautiful lyric, both technically and in feeling. This is a matter of critical opinion. What is not a matter of opinion is that the word used during the lifetime of the woman to whom the poem was written, who stood between Russell and the loneliness of something not far off despair. It was a brutal comment to have printed, conferring a wound that might surely have been spared her.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BURN,
Beudy Gwyn,
Minffordd, Gwynedd.
November 15.

Sex discrimination

From the Headmaster of Lliswerry High School

Sir, As I go about my daily work, I confess that I never notice the colour of my pupils' skin and *pace* my subconscious, I find the adolescent maiden a much more graceful person to deal with than the adolescent male. I have viewed legislation dealing with discrimination on the basis of colour as unnecessary and on sex as derisory. I am not now so sure.

My personal freedom to choose the kind of person I want to be inside me is being eroded. I view with increasing alarm the intention of Parliament to modify and control attitudes of mind. Legislation in these fields has been initiated by trendy radicals who have hitherto had no place inside our major political parties.

In the matter of the anti-sex discrimination legislation, the appointment of several hundreds of spies fills me with foreboding. When will they descend upon my school as I plead guilty to positive discrimination between the sexes? I have always allowed the girls and mistresses in my school to precede me through doors. I rise to my feet when they enter my room. I teach my boys to do the same.

I encourage girls to take up nursing and nursery work as an honourable and fulfilling profession for girls. I encourage boys to fly aeroplanes. I discourage girls from becoming operatives and labourers in the building industry.

I discourage girls from thinking about medicine where the odds in the entry procedures are stacked against them. I encourage girls to think of teaching as a career with enormous insurance guarantees for unknown futures. Given open options, girls still prefer needlework to the brutish noise of the braising hearth and boys prefer the stake and raising hammer to the oven and pastry bowl.

Girls still have the babies in and out of wedlock and whatever their joint responsibilities, boys are the onlookers. Girls still have to feed their babies because God designed them in this way. And worse! Little boys when they fall ill want their mothers exactly as I want at my side no women doctors, but a man doctor and above all, my wife.

Formerly I could only think of the entire matter in a jocular manner. But the appointment of several hundred spies with a roving commission to see that I toe the line is not such a laughable matter.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HERBERT,
Lliswerry High School,
Nash Road, Newport, Gwent.

From Mrs Pamela Anderson

Sir, "Women should remember that the Comic Muse is their greatest friend."

How refreshing to find that Mr Butt and George Meredith are of a mind and that your editorial staff is strengthened by another satirist of the same calibre as Mr Levin. Or are we wrong? Is Mr Butt's piece (November 20) to be taken seriously? If so we can only suggest he take a close look at his research staff. His lack of knowledge of Miss Lockwood's credentials alone makes it necessary to take the salt cellar to the rest of his article.

Far from being social engineering, the Bill given the Royal Assent last Tuesday is both social justice and social necessity—long overdue; unless of course Mr Butt does not believe that one way out of the national "dreadful mess" which he goes on to decry is to make full use of the talents of 52 per cent of our population. May we encourage Mrs Butt to see that her husband does indeed take the children to the dentist and learns to appreciate the pleasures of the kitchen sink!

I am Sir, yours truly,
PAMELA ANDERSON, Chairman,
The Fawcett Society,
Fawcett House,
27 Wilfred Street, SW1.
November 20.

Archaeological loot

From Mr Charles Sparrow, QC

Sir, Your percipient leader on the subject of antiquities law is greatly to be welcomed. It is really time that the public were made aware of the fundamental absurdity of treasure trove, as a means of protecting antiquities.

The doctrine of treasure trove is, in truth, a piece of revenue law and has no direct or natural connexion with archaeology. The doctrine itself is of such extreme antiquity that its origins are obscure. Its purpose may have been simply to create an additional source of revenue by forfeiture; but it may, as I think, have been intended to discourage the loss of tribal wealth through hoarding. An essential for any finding of treasure trove is that the owner intended to conceal the object and later recover it. The coroner's jury sits to determine whether such an intention existed.

The determination of this question is manifestly irrelevant to any scheme for protecting antiquities. It is also a ridiculous exercise. How can one rationally attempt to establish the mental attitude of a notional individual, whose name, occupation and involvement with the object are unknown and unknowable? Yet this is the exercise for which coroners' inquests are solemnly convened and upon which depends the destination of important antiquities. If the dice fall one way, the object finds its way into a museum; if they fall another way, the object remains in the private ownership of a landowner and may go anywhere.

As your leader so rightly points out, the present state of affairs could be rectified by a very short Bill. Such a Bill would have the rare advantage of actually saving government money. The heart of such legislation would be the extension of Crown protection to all gold and silver finds, regardless of the notional owner's supposed intention. Even as matters stand, every such object is potentially Crown property; and the landowner's interest is dependent on juridical chance. So there could be no significant hardship to landowners in making the extension. Moreover, in that event, coroners' inquests on treasure trove would cease and their cost would be saved.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SPARROW,
Honorary Legal Adviser to the Council for British Archaeology,
13 Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
November 25.

Cathedral choir

From Lt Commander J. B. Lamb

Sir, How ironical that the beautiful and moving music at Cardinal Heenan's Requiem Mass should have been sung by a choir under notice.

Might this Anglican suggest that the rescue of the Westminster Cathedral Choir could provide a living memorial to the Archbishop.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. LAMB,
Burrow House,
Tywardreath,
Par, Cornwall.

Coinage design

From Mr Geoffrey Robinson

Sir, Your headline—"Jubilee event raises hopes for redesigned coinage" (November 18). Why "hopes"? What is wrong with the present design? I agree that the word "new" could usefully be got rid of now and I should like to see the dare returned to its proper place on the reverse of the coins but basically I think we have an extremely well designed coinage; perhaps the best this century. Surely we would not wish to change the excellent head of our queen, the finest since the "Young Head" coinage of Queen Victoria, in my opinion and the reverses, likewise, have a charming early 19thC quality about them, especially the florin (10p to the uneducated).

Since our present coinage seems to be based on the 1:2:5 system, with one notable blank (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, —, 50p) perhaps the jubilee would be an appropriate occasion to bring in a 20p coin, like the double florin introduced for a very short time in the latter part of Victoria's reign (1887-88). That coin was too easily confused with the crown; now, with our present crownless coinage, it might be reintroduced to advantage, provided it could in no way be confused with the 50p. (It could for instance be square, with rounded corners, like the Guernsey 10/- of 1966). The introduction of a plainly useful coin of this denomination would be an excellent (and economical) way to celebrate the jubilee.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. K. ROBINSON.
Joseph Bell & Son Stained Glass,
68 Park Street,
Bristol 1.

Angels on a needle

From Mr M. O'C. Walshe

Sir, One should always check one's sources. Since I wrote to you (November 20) quoting from Miss C. de B. Evans's translation of the pseudo-Eckhartian *Swester Katrei*, I have looked at the original text in Franz Pfeiffer's edition of 1857 (Deutsche Mystiker II, p 474). Where Miss Evans has "in heaven a thousand angels can stand on the point of a needle", the original text has *tusent sêlen sitzent in dem himel ûf einer nâdelspitze* ("in heaven a thousand *souls* can *sit* on the point of a needle"). The angels have therefore been introduced by Miss Evans, who regrettably was liable to do this sort of thing.

Still, even with souls instead of angels, and sitting instead of standing or dancing, the essential idea is there, and it *is* medieval. I should be interested to learn whether anybody has found any older or more explicit medieval source than this.

Yours sincerely,
M. O'C. WALSHE,
Deputy Director,
University of London,
Institute of Germanic Studies,
29 Russell Square, WC1.
November 21.

Newspaper readerships

From Professor F. Hirsch

Sir, A two-inch extract from an agency report summarising a long discussion is rarely likely to give an accurate summary of a positive proposal. Your own summary of my oral evidence to the Press Commission which so excites Mr George Corderoy (November 22) was unfortunately no exception. Even in a quality paper, the quality varies. The impression of the proposal given by the report was that an arbitrarily chosen quality paper should be induced by public money to appeal to more low-brow tastes while still retaining its quality appearance. The design of the actual proposal is that public money in a predefined and modest basis should induce at least *one* paper that *maintains* a commitment to serious reporting and discussion of national affairs to reflect the views and interests of *less affluent* readers, including the substantial number of such readers *already* reading your own and other quality papers. More than 50 per cent of the readership of each of the four quality national dailies is outside the top "AB" socio-economic groups; these readers are not low-brow, merely low socio-economic class. It is not unreasonable to ask that at least one new or existing paper should direct its editorial coverage to their viewpoints and interests, which need entail no loss in editorial quality.

The reason why this does not happen already was spelled out by Mr David Gordon and myself to the Press Commission and in our book *Newspaper Money*, from which the proposal is drawn. The central influence is that readers who are of little interest to advertisers can sink rather than support a serious newspaper whose editorial standards keep it out of the mass circulation league; so that newspaper managements cannot afford to direct their efforts to attracting such readers.

This analysis has not been contested. Where scope for reasoned difference remains is in the implications for public policy. Some people fear that any attempt to counter this influence by public policy risks new and more serious distortion. The final balance drawn will depend in part on how bothered one is by the existing upmarket bias of the press in loading the weight given to the affluent reader. This influence of the market economics of the press can be accepted; from some political standpoints it may be welcomed. It cannot rationally be ignored, as it is in every statement or suggestion that quality newspapers have an incentive to sell to anyone who appreciates quality.

The time is overdue for quality newspapers to apply their high standards to diagnosing their own situation. They and their readers would then have a clearer view of their position in the economic, social and political firmament.

Yours, etc,
FRED HIRSCH,
Department of International Studies,
University of Warwick,
Coventry.
November 22.

Motorway inquiries

From Mr Christopher Hall

Sir, Last week the Aire Valley road inquiry was adjourned yet again by the sorely tried inspector conducting it—this time until December 2. Whether or not the disorderly and wholly deplorable scenes which led to this are indeed the "inevitable reactions" of frustrated objectors as Mr J. H. Olsen suggests (Letters November 15), it is to be hoped that they will not distract the Secretary of State for the Enviroment's attention from the formidable and intellectually respectable case against the roads programme and the way in which his Department is treating inquiries into particular schemes.

At the M16 inquiry earlier this year objectors mounted a powerful critique of the traffic forecasts on which the roads programme is based. This critique has been extended and repeated by various objectors and organizations at subsequent inquiries.

In essence the critics claim that the traffic forecasts (prepared by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory and adopted by DOE) are:

(1) largely guesswork, especially in their attempt to estimate future levels of car ownership;

(2) circular, in that they assume that construction of further motorways will generate more traffic (as they certainly will); DOE then use the forecast of additional traffic to justify building the very roads which will cause it and

(3) subject to methodological errors of a more mathematical nature which space does not allow me to detail.

Faced with these criticisms DOE have produced no reply to the criticisms made, although they have had months in which to do so. Instead they have taken evasive action by refusing to allow their witnesses at inquiries to be examined about traffic forecasts. They justify this on the extraordinary ground—to quote the Council on Tribunals—that "the Department regard these as matters of policy".

A number of responsible organizations (the Council for the Protection of Rural England among them) have for some time now pressed for a thorough and independent review of the roads programme. It was after all devised at the beginning of this decade. The Secretary of State, understandably, cannot be seen to concede anything to the noisy objectors at Shipley, but can he refuse to listen to the case made by responsible critics and how much longer will his officials seek to prevent discussion of these issues?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER HALL,
Director, Council for the Protection of Rural England,
4 Hobart Place, SW1.
November 21.

Anthony Powell
Hearing Secret Harmonies

Paul Scott
A Division of the Spoils

Nicolas Freeling
What are the Bugles Blowing For?

J.B.Priestley
Particular Pleasures

Michael Holroyd
Augustus John
Volume 1 and 2 or boxed as a set

Advice to a Grand-daughter
Queen Victoria's Letters
Edited by Richard Hough

Martin Gilbert
Winston S. Churchill
Volume IV

Heinemann

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 25: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Right Hon Harold Wilson, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Waverley Station, Edinburgh, in the Royal Train this morning.

His Royal Highness, Chancellor of Edinburgh University, visited Student Centre House and was received by the Principal and Vice-President (Professor Sir Hugh Robson).

The Duke of Edinburgh then drove to the Royal Scottish Museum (Director, Dr Norman Tebble) and, having been received by the Right Hon the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Frank McElhone, MP), His Royal Highness opened the reconstructed north-east wing.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Edinburgh University, was later present at a luncheon with Principal and Vice-Chancellor and Senior Members of the Staff at Old College.

This afternoon, His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, attended a Reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Patron of the Scottish Baroque Ensemble, this evening attended a Concert given by the Ensemble in the Signet Library, Parliament Square, Edinburgh.

Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Wells Pestell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, today upon the arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Jacques (Lord in Waiting) at the Requiem Mass for General Don Francisco Franco Bahamonde which was held at St James's Church, Spanish Place, London, this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier H. M. A. Hunter (Colonel of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment) at the Memorial Service for General Sir William Platt which was held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, today.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 25: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a Reception given at St James's Palace by the British Commonwealth Nurses War Memorial Fund to mark their thirtieth Anniversary.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Invalid Children's Aid Association at Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington.

The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was present this evening at a Charity Gala held at the Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green, in aid of the Dockland Settlements, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 25: The Duke of Gloucester carried out engagements in Dover today.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
November 25: The Duchess of Kent today opened the Leeds (Fairfax House) Jobcentre and visited the Leeds Office of The *Yorkshire Post*.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the premiere of the film *Rooster Cogburn*, at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square, in aid of the Police Dependents Trust on December 1.

The Duke of Edinburgh has accepted honorary membership of the Guild of Marketors.

Princess Anne will open the Lion Yard redevelopment complex and the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall at Cambridge on December 4.

Maureen Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, owing to previous unavoidable business commitment, deeply regrets the impossibility of her attending Dominic Elwes's memorial service.

The funeral service for Miss Elspeth Grant will take place at 11.30 on Friday, November 28 in the principal chapel, South London Crematorium, Streatham Park, Rowan Road, London, SW16.

Mr David Horner much regrets that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the memorial service for Mr Colin Agnew.

A great opportunity to do your seasonal shopping in congenial surroundings tomorrow at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W1, from 11.15 am. Bargains galore at the bazaar of bazaars in aid of the Home for the Aged, Nightingale Lane, SW12.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie was christened Alexandra Jane by the Rev E. W. Evans in the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, yesterday. The godparents are Mr David Bailey (for whom Mr Andrew Stormonth-Darling stood proxy), Mr Demetri Marchessini, Mr Simon Parker-Bowles, Lady Porchester and Mrs Noel Fisher.

Today's engagements

- The Queen gives evening reception for members of Diplomatic Corps; members of the Royal Family attend, Buckingham Palace, 9.30.
- The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the United Kingdom Council for European Architectural Heritage Year, visits schemes at Glasgow, 9.30; leaves for Spain, Glasgow airport, 1.
- Princess Anne visits National Equestrian Centre, Stoneleigh, Kenilworth, 10.30; opens Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Guild of St Helena Christmas Fair, Civic Centre, Camberley, 1.50.
- The Duke of Gloucester attends annual luncheon of Institute of Road Transport Engineers, Connaught Rooms, 12.30.
- The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant of the Women's Royal Army Corps, attends director's conference, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, 10.20.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, November 25, 1950

Sir, Among the many suggestions for brightening London for the Festival next year I have seen no recommendation to have the streets adequately labelled. London is probably one of the worst sign-posted of the great cities of the world: I doubt if more than half the crossings in London have the names of the streets shown and, when they are shown, the label is either so high up on the corner of a building as to be invisible from the modern car without stooping below the roof, or on railings 3ft or so from the ground, where the names are obscured by pedestrians.

[From a reader suggesting the adoption of the American system of sign-posts.]

'Charles I shroud fragment' fetches £981.75

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

A seventeenth-century silver and gilt metal pendant wrought in imitation of a book and containing a bloody rag, said to be part of Charles I's shroud, was sold at Christie's yesterday for £981.75 with premium.

The pendant, which is 2¼ inches high, contains a silver-gilt portrait of Charles I as well as what Christie's catalogued as "a piece of blood-stained cloth". The fact that it was previously in the possession of a descendant of Sir Hans Sloane, who formed one of the most genuine collections of Stuart relics, lends veracity to the shroud theory. Christie's were estimating £600 to £900 on the lot.

There was also a Charles I commemorative gold ring set with an oval miniature of the monarch at £577.50. Such rings were presented to loyalists by Henrietta Maria for financial support on the understanding that they would be redeemed when the war was over: yesterday's, presented to the Gresley family of Derbyshire, was never redeemed.

An Irish silver memorial snuff-box of 1830, supposedly with a lock of Charles I's hair, was more questionable and made £196.35. The king's coffin was opened in 1813 and the lock is said to have been removed at that time.

The sale of portrait miniatures, gold boxes and objects of virtu made £108,427, with 25 per cent unsold. The gold boxes of middle quality proved difficult to sell; there have been many fine boxes on the market recently, with Sotheby's and Christie's Geneva, Zurich (and forthcoming Monte Carlo) sales, and bidders are more discriminating.

Nevertheless a Louis XV shaped quatrefoil enamelled gold snuff-box was sold for £4,042.50 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500) and a portrait miniature of a man by John Smart for £2,079 (estimate £1,000 to £2,000).

The Christie's sale of Indian, Tibetan and Nepalese works of art made £36,319, with 20 per cent unsold. There was one rarity: an east Javanese bronze bowl of the tenth to thirteenth century, which made £6,930 (estimate £3,500 to £4,000).

Sotheby's were again selling printed books from the Sir Thomas Phillipps' collection: it totalled £14,340, with three lots valued at £366 unsold. Paul Grinke paid £1,925 with premium for a first edition of John Josselyn's *Account of Two Voyages to New-England*, of 1674.

A sale of Chinese ceramics made £20,355, with 8 per cent unsold, and a sale of Victorian paintings at Sotheby's Belgravia made £19,265, with 6 per cent unsold.

In Paris on Monday Ader got some very high prices for minor pieces of French silver. A single plate with scalloped edge and engraved arms, dated 1744 and weighing 880 grams, made 24,000 francs (estimate 4,000) or £2,983, with tax, while a tiny silver bell of 1726 weighing 198 grams made 32,500 francs (estimate 15,000 to 17,000) or £3,632.

In a Pillias sale of Symbolist and Salon paintings, a sinister empty seascape entitled "La Jetee", by Leon Spilliaert, the Belgian Symbolist, made 43,100 francs (estimate 25,000) or £4,798.

£2,500 Keats book: A John Keats first edition made £2,500, more than twice its estimate, at Phillips's sale of books yesterday. It was its rare binding which contributed largely to the price.

The book was the 1820 edition of Keats's poems, "Lamia", "Isabella" and "The Eve of St Agnes". Its binding, of light brown Morocco, with a pattern of roses, leaves and stars, was by the celebrated Victorian book binder, Cobden-Sanderson, who signed his handiwork in 1877.

Without such a binding, a similar Keats first edition would be expected to fetch about £300 to £400. The book came from a private vendor and was bought by Maggs, the London antique book specialists. The sale totalled £18,195 in lots sold.

At Bonham's a sale of silver and plate totalled £12,749, £620 (estimate £400) being paid by Block for a canteen of Georgian and Victorian Old English pattern cutlery, mainly by Geo Angell 125.5 oz.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. I. Canney and Miss S. M. Moss
The engagement is announced between Duncan, only son of Mr and Mrs D. E. F. Canney, of Preston Crowmarsh, Oxfordshire, and Sheilagh, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. C. Moss, of Hatcliffe, Lincolnshire.

Mr T. A. R. Curran and Miss C. J. Harries
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. B. Curran, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and Celia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. P. Harries, of Winsley, Wiltshire.

Dr W. H. Gillespie and Mrs S. Mervis
The marriage will take place shortly between William Hewitt, son of the late Rev W. H. and Mrs Gillespie, and Sadie, daughter of the late Mr Leopold Austoker and Mrs Austoker, of South Africa.

Dr D. A. Smith and Mrs J. Evans
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on December 20 between Dr Desmond A. Smith, of Blenheim Cottage, Nether Wallop, Hampshire, son of the late Mr and Mrs Allen Smith, of Boyle, Republic of Ireland, and Janet Evans, of The Old Post Office, Ibsley, Hampshire, daughter of the late Dr P. H. Perkins and of Mrs M. D. Perkins, of Llancarfan, South Glamorgan.

Mr R. M. Whittaker and Miss E. E. Peay
The engagement is announced between Rodney, son of Mr and Mrs James A. Whittaker, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Eleanor Elizabeth (Bibby), daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert H. Peay, of Middletown, New York.

Mr D. J. C. Cobb and Miss S. E. Randall
The engagement is announced between David James Curtis, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Cobb, of 21 Friars Gate, Guildford, Surrey, and Sarah Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. B. Randall, of Coppers, Dover Road, Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset.

Mr T. D. Ferry and Miss F. M. Burke-Scott
The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Brigadier J. P. Ferry, of British Defence Staff, British Embassy, Washington, DC, and Mrs J. Ferry, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Felicity, only daughter of Mr J. P. Burke-Scott and the late Mrs Burke-Scott, of Highgate, London, N6.

Mr J. S. Murray and Miss P. J. Harvey
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place in Zambia on December 7 between James Stewart, son of the late Mr A. E. F. Murray and of Mrs Murray, of Ollviershoek, Natal, and Penelope Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harvey, of Shiwa Ngandu and Chisamba, Zambia.

Mr R. L. Simpson and Mlle C. G. Saconney
The engagement is announced between Richard Lindsay, elder son of Mr and Mrs Lindsay Simpson, of Pentlow Mill, Cavendish, Suffolk, and Caroline Geneviève, youngest daughter of M and Mme Jean-Louis Saconney, of 295 Grande rue, Oullins, Rhône, France.

Mr P. S. Trevor and Miss M. J. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Peregrine Scott, son of Mr and Mrs Elleston Trevor, of Fountain Hills, Arizona, United States (formerly of London and Monte Carlo), and Mary-Jeanne, only daughter of Major and Mrs Arthur Hughes, of Scottsdale, Arizona, United States.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Premier of Bermuda, Sir Edward Richards, and the Minister for Marine and Air Services, Mr Quinton L. Edness.

United Kingdom South Africa Trade Association
Sir Nicholas Cayzer, President of the United Kingdom South Africa Trade Association, and Mr W. E. Luke, chairman, were hosts at the association's annual council luncheon at Grosvenor House yesterday. The Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa, Dr Carel de Wet, was guest of honour, and the chief guest was Lord Shackleton.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr William Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a reception held last night at Dover House in honour of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Rev Dr James Matheson.

HM Government
Dr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, was host at a reception given by her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday evening in honour of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils.

Anglo-Byelorussian Society
The Hon Mrs Maurice Macmillan and Hon John Jolliffe, chairman of the society, were hosts at a reception held yesterday evening at 12 Catherine Place, Westminster, to mark the twenty-first anniversary of the Anglo-Byelorussian Society. The Hon John Jolliffe, Dr Arnold McMillin and the Bishop of Mariamme were the speakers.

Artist receives degree

Mr L. S. Lowry, the artist, received a deputation from Liverpool University at his home yesterday, who conferred on him the honorary degree of D Litt. Mr Lowry, aged 88, who lives at Mottram in Longdendale, was unable to attend the university's degree congregation last July.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid, duty not disclosed):

Adams, Sir Walter, of Sandwich, Director of the London School of Economics £20,457

Chaplin, Mr James Byron, of Westminster, company director £143,115

Pike, Mr Clement Allin, of Royston £273,906

Birthdays today

Sir Charles Forte, 67; Mr R. W. Hamilton, 70; Sir Frank McFadzean, 60; Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, 52; Mr Emlyn Williams, 70; Major-General D. J. Wilson-Haffenden, 75.

Service luncheon

Royal Corps of Transport
The committee and members of the Royal Corps of Transport Officers' Luncheon Club, under the chairmanship of Colonel L. T. Knights, entertained Sir William Batty at luncheon yesterday at the Eccleston Hotel. Among those present were:

Major-Generals D. Bunt, P. V. Claxton, Sir Cecil Smith, H. C. Goodfellow, W. H. D. Ritchie and W. J. A. Guinness, Brigadiers D. N. Locke and E. W. T. Darlow, and Colonels T. H. Everingham, J. G. C. Low and D. G. [illegible].

Requiem Masses

General Franco
The Queen was represented by Lord Jacques at a requiem Mass for General Franco concelebrated by Canon Alfonso de Zulueta, Father M. Herranz, CM, and Father G. Grande, CM, at St James's, Spanish Place, yesterday. Señor Don Manuel Gomez Acebo read the lesson. The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Rev Christopher Hill and the Vicar Capitular of Westminster by Mgr Francis Bartlett. The Apostolic Delegate, the Archbishop of Southwark, Archbishop Scanlan, the Bishop of Brentwood and Mgr Alfred Gilbey were also robed and in the sanctuary. The Speaker was represented by Mr John Wells, MP (also representing Anglo-Spanish Parliamentary Group), the Leader of the Opposition by Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, accompanied by Mrs Maudling, and the Bishop of London by the Archdeacon of London. Among others present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps with their ladies, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington and Ciudad Rodrigo, Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Sir Peter Agnew, Sir Charles and Lady Petrie, Sir Paul Wright (representing the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), Sir John Balfour, Lady (Peter) Allen (representing chairman, Anglo Spanish Society) with Mrs N. Baxter (honorary secretary), Mr [illegible] Curle (Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) with Mr Geoffrey Collins (Assistant Vice-Marshal) and Mrs Collins, Miss Diana [illegible], Mr Peter Kemp (Stafford Club), Mr S. Swerling (Monday Club), Canon R. Stewart (representing the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton), the Rev Robert Calvert (representing the Bishop of Salford), Mr Guy Saints, Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP, and Mr Patrick Wall, MP.

Mr B. E. D. Elwes
A requiem Mass for Mr Dominic Elwes was celebrated by Father Peter Blake, SJ, at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, yesterday. Mr Timothy Elwes and Mr Peter Elwes (brothers) read the lessons, and Mr John Aspinall and Mr Kenneth Tynan gave addresses. Among those present were:

Cassian, Damian and Simon Elwes (sons), Mrs Peter Elwes, [illegible], Ian, Gavin, Lydia and Amanda Elwes, [illegible] Lady Jacqueline [illegible] Kennedy, Lydia Duchess of Bedford, the Marchioness of Tavistock, the Marchioness of Headfort, the Marquess of Londonderry, Lord and Lady Charles Churchill, the Earl of Suffolk, the Earl and Countess of Denbigh and Desmond, the Countess of Suffolk, Lord Francis Russell, Viscountess Royston, Lord Burghersh, Lady Rose, Lady Jacqueline Rufus Isaacs, Lady Charlotte Curzon, Lady Barbara Lowsom, Lady Annabel Lindsay, Lady Sarah Aspinall, Lady Victoria Yorke, the Hon Mrs Brand, the Hon Mrs William Waldorf, the Hon Mark and Mrs Wyndham, the Hon Victoria Mancroft, the Hon Jessica Mancroft, the Hon Maxwell and Mrs Aitken, the Hon Laura Aitken, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, the Hon Richard and Mrs Grosvenor, Lady Osborne, Sir William Piggott-Brown, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr and Mrs Dan Meinertzhagen, Mr Charles Benson, Mrs L. Corbett, Squadron Leader D. A. Young, James Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Neil McLean, Mr John Howes-Lyon, the [illegible] Miss [illegible], Mr and Mrs J. Guise, Mr Christopher Balfour, Mr Charles Rankin, Mr and Mrs Barry Sainsbury, Mr and Mrs N. Pels, Mr R. Rodney Jones, Mrs P. Jebb, Mr John Standing, Mr C. Jackson-Stopps, Mrs J. d'Erlanger, Miss Melissa Wyndham, Mr [illegible], Mrs G. Kinnersley, Mr M. Birley, Mr and Mrs Rupert Lycett Green, Mr Peter Jay, Mrs P. Jay, Mrs D. Kennard, Mr Casimir Stamirski, and Mrs Iris Banham-Lee (Action Research).

Science report

Selenology: How the Moon got caught

The Moon may have been trapped in the Earth's orbit several thousand million years ago because of a small but sudden increase in the mass of the evolving planet while the Moon happened to be in its vicinity. That is the conclusion reached by scientists at Yale and Cornell universities, who report their theoretical reasoning in Nature.

Broadly, scientists have had three theories about the origin of the Moon. It could originally have been part of the Earth; or it could have been built up (accreted) from small pieces of matter within the solar system and near the Earth; or it could have formed by accretion in solar orbit and then been captured by the Earth.

Dr S. P. Clark, Dr D. L. Turcotte and Dr J. C. Nordmann set out to improve on the three basic ideas by amalgamating two of them. They came up with a theory which they say is much more satisfactory than the others. All the possible mechanisms have snags; the first in particular, because of what is known about the geology of the Moon and the Earth.

The Yale and Cornell scientists suggest that the Moon may have been captured, as in the conventional picture, but that accretion was not much bigger than the "Moon", but bigger than a critical size above which the rate of accretion is widely believed to increase.

There is evidence to support that possibility; the Moon contains a higher proportion of minerals and rocks that originated relatively early in the history of the solar system than does the Earth. That ties in with the idea that much of the Earth's mass may have been added at a later stage.

The argument goes that a body passing near the Earth at a time when the Earth's mass suddenly increased could be captured: it will simply not have enough energy to escape because of the increased gravitational attraction of the Earth. Dr Clark and his colleagues produce theoretical evidence that there would be distinct and predictable conditions (for example, particular shapes of the Moon's orbit) in which capture would be likely to take place.

The whole idea, of course, is idealized. A mass increase cannot take place instantaneously, for one thing, and the gravitational attraction of the Sun will have to be taken into account when further calculations are done.

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Latest appointments



Music chief: Miss Eleanor Warren has been appointed head of music programmes, BBC Radio, from December 8, in succession to Mr Peter Gould, who is retiring after 28 years with the BBC. She is the first woman to hold the post.

Miss Warren began her career as a cellist at 16, her teachers having included Pierre Fournier and Pablo Casals. She joined the BBC in 1964 as a music producer at the start of Radio 3's music programme. Six years ago she originated the lunchtime concerts at St John's, Smith Square, and has planned and produced the series since.

Other appointments include:

Mr C. W. Fogarty, a deputy secretary at the Treasury, to be a deputy secretary at the Ministry of Overseas Development in succession to Mr W. A. C. Mathieson, who retires at the end of the year.

Mr Norman Jordan-Moss, a deputy secretary in the Department of Health and Social Security, to succeed Mr Fogarty at the Treasury. Mr Patrick Benner, a deputy secretary in the Cabinet Office, to succeed Mr Jordan-Moss.

Mr G. J. Otton, a deputy secretary and principal establishments officer at the Department of Health and Social Security, to be deputy secretary concerned with supplementary benefits and family support in succession to Mr M. M. V. Custance, who retires at the end of the year.

Mr R. S. Matthews, on promotion to deputy secretary, to succeed Mr Otton as principal establishments officer.

Mr P. J. Clarke to be secretary to the Forestry Commission in succession to Mr J. M. Hunter.

Mr David Johnstone to be controller of programmes for Scottish Television.

Mr Harold Baim, the film producer, to be Chief Barker (president) of the Variety Club of Great Britain for 1976, in succession to Sir Billy Butlin.

Unpublished Bach canons to be played for first time

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Nov 25

Twelve unpublished canons by Johann Sebastian Bach, written in his own hand, have been acquired by France's Bibliothèque Nationale which announced today that it intends to give them a televised "world premiere" shortly.

The manuscript, hailed as one of the rarest musical finds in the century, contains 14 canons in all. It was unearthed three years ago by M Oliver Slain, a French musicologist, among some old music papers which had belonged to the organist of a famous Paris church.

The manuscript of the canons, a composition in which different parts take up the same theme in strict imitation, was apparently inserted by Bach in his own copy of the "Goldberg variations".

The unpublished music, which the Bibliothèque said would be played on the harpsichord at the Paris "premiere", consists of simple, double, and triple canons, as well as one entitled "Enigma".

The two published canons (BWV numbers 1076 and 77) date from the mid-1740's when Bach was living in Leipzig.

Auction rooms in Paris going, going

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 25

The old Hôtel des Ventes of the Rue Drouot in Paris, where fusty, old fashioned auction rooms ill lit and hung with red cloth have been the scene of some of the most famous sales of the past century, will soon be only a memory.

The Company of Auctioneers, through their president, Maître Robert, have announced that the old premises, dating from 1851 will in four years' time, be replaced by a modern functional building, twice the size, airy, light and modern. It will contain 20 spacious auction rooms instead of 17 cramped chambers, where buyers are crowded in at present.

In this new centre can be concentrated all the prestige sales which now have to be held in different parts of the capital.

During demolition and construction work, the Hôtel des Ventes will transfer temporarily to the old disused Gare d'Orsay on the Left Bank.

University news

Director of nursing studies appointed

Miss Margaret Clarke, BSc, MPhil, has been appointed director of the Institute of Nursing Studies, Hull University. It is expected that the first intake of 20 students for the four-year honours degree course in nursing science will be admitted in October, 1977.

Grants
£51,583 from Science Research Council, for extension by three years, eight months of research by Dr G. J. Pert, department of applied physics, into: Stimulated and anomalous X-ray emission from laser produced plasmas.
£15,000 from SRC for three years to Dr G. W. Gray, department of chemistry, for investigations: Preparation and physical studies of a range of Smectogens.
£18,050 from Dept of Health and Social Security to Dr R. G. S. Brown, Inst of Health Studies, for three years for investigation: The deployment, management and morale of NHS paramedical workers.

Glasgow
Dr N. G. Wright, senior lecturer in veterinary pathology, has been appointed to the new chair of veterinary anatomy.
Bakers' Company

East Anglia
Grants:
£25,005 for three years from Science Research Council to Dr C. H. Clarke, school of biological sciences, for control of colonial and cellular morphogenesis in Myxobacteria.
£11,936 for three years from SRC to Professor D. D. Davies, school of biological sciences, for study of metabolic control in relation to the control of pH.
£19,165 for three years from SRC to Dr C. Greenwood, school of biological sciences, for studies on cytochromes.
£60,674 for two years from SRC to Dr R. K. Harris and Dr K. J. Packer, school of chemical sciences, for research into high-resolution NMR spectroscopy of solids.
£18,970 for two years from SRC to Dr A. R. Forrest, school of computing studies, for investigations in computational geometry.
£28,656 for two years and five months from Social Science Research Council to L. A. Stenhouse, centre for applied research in education, for study on teaching about race relations.
£15,482 for three years from Natural Environment Research Council to Professor H. H. Lamb, climatic res unit, for development of long series of homogenized past rainfall data separate UK districts.

Memorial services

General Sir William Platt
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier H. M. A. Hunter (Colonel of the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment) at a memorial service for General Sir William Platt, held yesterday in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral. The Rev Samuel Cutt officiated. Among those present were:

Lady Platt (widow), Mr Robert Platt (son), Mr and Mrs John Platt (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs G. P. St George (sister), Mrs Waterhouse (sister-in-law), Mr Simon Platt (grandson), Miss Margaret St George.

Viscountess Bridport, Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Airport, Lord Inglewood (also representing the Lord Lieutenant and Lieutenancy of Cumbria) and Lady Inglewood, Lady Greenway, Colonel Sir Guy Campbell, Sir William Mather (chairman, Mather and Platt), Sir George Abell (representing Marlborough College), Sir Christopher Cox, Sir James Brown, Sir Duncan Cumming, Sir John and Lady Hall, Sir Edwin Chapman-Andrews, Sir Hugh Willatt (secretary general, Arts Council of Great Britain), Sir Eric Pridie, Sir Shuldham Redfern, Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Hutton, Major-General Mr John Marriott, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ian Bowater, Sir Lll Seltu-Zewde and Princess Mariam Sina Asfa-Wossen.

Major-General B. A. Coad (Wiltshire Regiment Old Comrades Association), Brigadier P. S. Ward (representing the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and the Order of the British Empire), Brigadier M. W. Biggs (representing The King's African Rifles and East Africa Forces Dinner Club), Brigadier B. W. Hulley Martin, Brigadier C. Swift, Brigadier and Mrs G. Wort, Brigadier P. G. Wreford-Brown, Brigadier and Mrs Douglas Tabin, Brigadier R. H. S. Popham (representing Sudan Defence Force Dinner Club), Brigadier and Mrs Maurice Lush, Brigadier W. A. Ebsworth, Brigadier and Mrs E. B. Coode, Brigadier and Mrs E. N. Oldrey.

Colonel C. A. Noble (representing 4th Indian Division), Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. Holdsworth Hunt (Fusiliers), Lieutenant-Colonel C. G. Wylie (representing Outward Bound Trust), Lieutenant-Colonel E. T. Wilson, VC, Major Patrick Telfer Smollett of Bonhill, Judge Basil Hobson, QC, Mr W. C. Edgar (representing Royal Northumberland Fusiliers Regimental Association), Mr R. A. Size (Master, Fruiterers' Company), Mr G. L. F. Lindow (representing Athenaeum Club), Mr J. W. Seamer (representing Marlburian Club), Mr R. Putnam (Outward Bound Mountain School, Eskdale), the Rev W. M. Atkins (representing Oriental Club), Mr Martin Parr, Mrs H. M. A. Hunter, Mr F. de Winton, Mrs Gerald Cobb, Mr and Mrs Ian Sharratt, and Mr Charles Stewart.

Mr C. Agnew
A memorial service for Mr Colin Agnew was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev William Baddeley officiated. An address was given by Lord Clark, and the lessons were read by Sir Geoffrey Agnew and Mr Richard Kingzett. Among those present were:

Mrs W. B. Anderson and Mrs N. F. Kingzett (sisters), Mrs Richard Kingzett, Mr and Mrs Evelyn Joll, Major G. K. Agnew, Mr and Mrs I. O. Chance, the Hon Lady Agnew, Mr Julian Agnew, Sir Peter Agnew, Lord Amulree, Mr John Agnew, Mr George Agnew, Mr Christopher Kingzett, Miss Charlotte Joll, Miss Harriet Joll, Mrs Pam Lazell, Brigadier and Mrs Brian Kingzett, Mrs J. Wentworth Rowe, Miss Annabelle Agnew, Mr William Agnew, Mr Charles Lillis, Mr P. de Peyer.

Lord and Lady Freyberg, Sir John Pope-Hennessy, Sir Gilbert Laithwaite, Sir Charles Tennyson, Lady Robertson, Lady Bonham-Carter, Mr Michael Levey, Mr Cecil Gould, Mr Ralph Edwards, Mr J. A. Floyd (Christie's), Mr A. J. H. Kiddell (Sotheby's), Mr F. St J. Gore, Mr Jonathan Mayne, Mr and Mrs James Byam-Shaw, Mr Brinsley Ford, Dr George Furlong, Mr Hugh Leggatt, Mr John Quilter, Mr Anthony Speelman, Mr Peter Vaughan, Mr J. Baer (Society of London Art Dealers), Mr R. Thesiger, Mr Heinz Roland, Mr L. Foster, Mr Christopher White, Mr T. Girtin, Mrs A. Scharf, Mr and Mrs H. Bier, Mr Paul Hislop, Mr G. Norris, Mr and Mrs Denys Sutton, Mrs William King, Mr R. Cecil, Miss Lillian Browse, Mr Herbert Lank, Mr Clifford Ellison, Mr Roy Vilance, Mr E. Wiggins, Major Robert Hoare, Mr and Mrs Paul Wallraf.

Mr W. Hicks-Beach, Major Peter Harris, Major T. S. Hankey, Mr P. A. Nesbitt, Mr W. P. Courtauld, Mr Maurice Lancaster, Mr and Mrs T. Grimes, Mr Moragh Bernard, Mr F. Hare-Nicholson, Mr and Mrs Humphrey Brooke, Mrs Arnold Lahour, Mr Charles Lamb, Mr Neil Orr, Mr D. Gibson, Miss P. Brody, Mr Geoffrey Gilmour, Mr Gilbert Davis, Mr Temple Williams, Mr Henry Hely-Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs H. F. M. B[illegible], Miss Rosamund [illegible], Mr N. W. Lawrence, Mr Adrian Daintry, Mr Rex Britcher, Mrs Julius Lada-Grodzicki, Mr G. Curzon, Mr S. F. Briggs (company secretary, Agnew's) and Mrs Briggs, and past and present members of staff.

OBITUARY

SIR CHARLES WHEELER

A prominent industrialist



Sir Charles Wheeler, KBE, Chairman of the Sheerness Steel Company and Chairman of Associated Electrical Industries at the time of its controversy-provoking takeover by the General Electric Company in 1967, died yesterday at the age of 70.

Charles Reginald Wheeler was born in London on December 5, 1904 and educated at St Paul's School. In 1922 he joined the steel company, Baldwins Ltd, moving onto the sales side after two years on the shop floor. It was in this sphere that he soon found an outlet for his talents rising swiftly to London Manager. At the age of only 25 he became commercial manager of Guest Keen Baldwins Iron and Steel Company Ltd when it was formed in 1930 and became a director of the firm in 1940.

At the outbreak of the Second World War he was sent to the Ministry of Supply on the strength of his growing reputation as one of the noted younger men in the Steel Industry. An Assistant Controller of Supply (Raw Materials) Iron and Steel Control, in 1939, he became Deputy Controller in 1943 and finally Controller in 1945.

The war over, he returned to what was now the Guest Keen Iron and Steel Company as Joint Managing Director, a post he retained until 1959 when he became chairman. He was to remain chairman only one year. At that point Lord Chandos, then AEI's chairman, asked him to join the company's board. He was Vice-Chairman of AEI from 1961 to 1962, Deputy Chairman in 1962 and became the group's first overall Managing Director in the same year. He became Chairman of AEI in 1964.

At the outset Wheeler's sales flair boosted the group's profits while on the management side he always insisted that young men with the necessary ability should be appointed to managerial positions within AEI. But in 1967 Sir Arnold Weinstock, the Managing Director of the General Electric Company, surprised industrial and financial circles by making a £120m bid for AEI. Given its blessing by the Industrial Reorganization Corporation, the bid was bitterly opposed by both Sir Charles Wheeler and his chief executive Sir Joseph Latham, as well as arousing dislike in many other financial and industrial quarters. Wheeler, himself a member of the IRC, resigned from its board, stating in his letter to the Prime Minister, Mr Wilson, that IRC's endorsement of GEC's bid to acquire his company made his future membership impossible. The resignation at that point of the IRC's managing director and deputy chairman, Mr Ronald Grierson, though not directly connected with the takeover bid, did nothing to allay a general feeling that considerable friction had been generated at many official levels, by the idea. Nevertheless the shareholders voted in favour of the takeover—General Electric's profit record was superior to that of AEI—and the companies merged. But it was a battle which left much acrimony in its wake and though Wheeler was offered a place on the board of GEC he never played a practical part in the affairs of the company. Thereafter he held a number of directorships but in 1969 turned to steel again when he co-founded the Sheerness Steel Company Ltd. For Wheeler this represented a return to the sphere in which he had first played an important role in industry and the foundation and subsequent success of the independent company was a step dear to his heart.

Outside his work Wheeler was a keen sportsman. He was a vice-president of the British Olympic Association as well as being a participant and a supporter and patron of many sports.

A member of London Rowing Club, and of Leander, he served on many committees, on which his business experience and wide connexions were invaluable. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games, in Cardiff in 1958, he was largely responsible for the achievement of a first class rowing course on Llyn Padarn, in Wales. But perhaps the greatest service he rendered to rowing was his regular support of British crews in International Championships abroad. Whether as an International Umpire, an Amateur Rowing Association delegate to the Federation Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron, or simply as a spectator, he was a regular member of the British contingent, and always ready to help and encourage. He was also a president of the Cardiff Sea Cadet Corps and Joint Master of the Old Berkeley Beagles.

He was President of the Iron and Steel Institute in 1958, of the British Iron and Steel Federation in 1961 and of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association in 1965. He was also High Sheriff of Glamorgan in 1955. He was made a CBE in 1946, KBE in 1966.

He was twice married, first in 1929, to Frieda Close, who died in 1972. They had one son and two daughters. His second marriage in 1973, was to Marcelle Ades.

He was made an Officer of the Legion of Honour in 1966 and an Honorary DSc of Salford in 1967.

MR G. F. ROWBOTHAM

Mr George Frederick Rowbotham, FRCS, the eminent neurosurgeon, died on November 23 at the age of 76. A graduate of Manchester University he qualified in 1925 proceeding to his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England nine years later.

It was in Newcastle upon Tyne that he achieved fame as a neurosurgeon serving as neurological surgeon to the Royal Victoria infirmary and the Newcastle General hospital. After the inception of the National Health Service he became and remained for many years the regional adviser in neurosurgery to the Newcastle regional hospital board.

Although he retained a deep interest in all aspects of his speciality he achieved particular fame in the treatment of road accidents and his book *Acute Injuries of the Head*, which ran into four editions, was internationally acclaimed as an outstanding book on the subject. Sound, thorough, based largely on personal experience and written in a clear, concise manner it typified many of the attributes which brought its author recognition at home and overseas.

A pioneer in his specialty he was to Newcastle what Norman Dott was to Edinburgh, Geoffrey Jefferson was to Manchester and Hugh Cairns was to Oxford. By his skill he lent lustre to the Newcastle upon Tyne medical school, particularly after "a divorce had been arranged" between it and Durham, and he played a large part in its climb to its present high position in the medical hierarchy.

Mr Francis Dennis Hibbert, CMG, who died on Nov 18 at the age of 69, had been Chief Education Officer, N Nigeria, deputy Director of Education, N Nigeria and from 1954 to 1958 chairman of the Public Service Commission of the region.

Olga Berggolts, the Russian poet, has died at the age of 65. During the Second World War she survived the 900-day siege of Leningrad, recalling her experience in *This is the Voice of Leningrad*.

Church news

The Right Rev H. Da Costa Edmondson, Bishop Suffragan of Mandeville, Jamaica, to be Bishop of Jamaica.

Other appointments include:

Mr M. Chapman to be an under-secretary of the Church Missionary Society, in the new post of home division and headquarters administrator.

The Rev G. W. F. Coupe, priest-in-charge of Yattendon, Berkshire, to be Rural Dean of Bradfield, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev R. Handforth, Church Missionary Society Conference Centre, to be home education secretary, CMS.

The Rev C. Leighton, Vicar of St Peter and St Paul's, Wisbech, to be also also Rural Dean of Wisbech, diocese of Ely.

The Rev R. C. H. Lucas, Rector of Branston, diocese of Lincoln, to be Rector of Parkham, Alwington and Buckland Brewer, diocese of Exeter.

The Rev W. J. McC. Paterson, Rector of Spennithorne, Rector of Finghall, Rector of Hauxwell and Rural Dean of Wensley, diocese of Ripon, to be honorary canon of Ripon Cathedral.

The Rev P. N. L. Pytches, Vicar of St John's, Parkstone, diocese of Salisbury, to be a director of pastoral training, Oak Hill College, Southgate, London.

Diocese of Durham
The Rev J. N. Harrison, Vicar of St Andrew with St Anne's, Bishop Auckland, to be community chaplain in the Stockton Deanery.
The Rev G. G. Thompson, Vicar in Hackney team ministry, diocese of London, to be priest-in-charge of St Thomas's, Crayhead.

Diocese of Lichfield
The Rev F. J. T. Brumwell, Vicar of Bradley, Bilston, to be also priest-in-charge of St Mary's, Bilston.
The Rev S. Huyton, Vicar of Wigginton, to be Vicar of Wombourne.
The Rev A. C. Tapsfield, Vicar of Newborough with Needwood, to be priest-in-charge of Trysull.

Diocese of St Albans
The Rev P. B. Davies, Rector of St Philip with St Stephen's, Salford, diocese of Manchester, to be Vicar of Rudlett.
The Rev R. F. Day, in charge of Ponsbourne, to be Vicar of Campton and Shefford.

Diocese of Salisbury
The Rev I. L. Johnson, curate at Holy Trinity, Weymouth, to be Rector of Pewsey.
The Rev K. G. W. Prior, Vicar of Longfleet, Poole, to be Rural Dean of Poole.
The Rev E. G. F. Swinnerton, priest-in-charge of the conventional district of St Andrew's, Walcot, Swindon, diocese of Bristol, to be priest-in-charge of Chilton Foliat with Froxfield, in the Wilton Team Ministry.
Canon J. N. Warne, Vicar of Branksome St Aldheim, Poole, to be assistant Rural Dean of Poole.

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon
The Rev J. B. Ellis, curate of St Gabriel's, Swansea, to be Vicar of Llanbister and Llanbadarn Fynydd with Llananno.
The Rev G. M. H. Hughes, Rector of Llanbadarn Fawr and Llandegley with Llanfihangel Rhydithon, to be Rector of Llandrindod with Cefnllys.

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Football

Liverpool catch an icy glimpse of the 'horror' that awaits them

From Gerry Harrison

Wroclaw, Poland, Nov 25

Through one of those mistakes which two of the clubs involved would prefer to be denied, Liverpool's players today experienced within the space of three hours the extremes of European climatic conditions. In the morning, on the snow-covered training ground at Szczawno-Zdroj, a Liverpool party were deposited by a coach at the Olympia Stadium, where tomorrow's third round Uefa Cup tie with Slask Wroclaw will be played. Workmen had scraped the thin layer of snow off the pitch to reveal quite a few problems underneath.

"I don't like it one bit", Ray Clemence, the England goalkeeper, said after he had seen the goal-mouth which was particularly unnerving and icy. "They will have to do something about this."

"The pitch is a bit two-faced", the Liverpool manager, Bob Paisley, said. "There is a lot of ice, but quite a bit of grass too. It's debatable whether it would have been played in England and it's certainly not good for football. It might have been better had they left the snow.

"But we've got to get on with it. It's no good players looking for excuses. The first thing you've got to have is heart in these conditions as well as play simple. We'll decide what studs and boots the players will wear—there's a variety of about five changes to choose from. Then it's up to them. In the original planning the players wouldn't have seen the pitch until just before the game so that I could have done the worrying for them."

Because of the conditions the experienced Tommy Smith will play at right back, Neal changing sides in place of the injured ones. It will be Smith's 65th European tie out of the total of 112 Liverpool have played over 12 years in International competitions abroad. In contrast, the 21-year-old Jimmy Case will play his first European tie, replacing the injured Keegan.

Slask Wroclaw, in their first season of European football and placed midway in the Polish first division, also have injury problems. Their centre half, Zmuda, who played in all of Poland's World Cup games in West Germany, has missed the last two matches and is doubtful. Kwiatkowski, a forward and another full international, is recovering from a shoulder injury. The goalkeeper, Kalinowski, who was also in Poland's World Cup party, did not complete last Sunday's game. A midfield player, Wanat, is suspended for this match.

Although this hard running, competitive side will be an unknown quantity to Liverpool, Slask are no better prepared themselves. They have seen Liverpool play only on television.

Meanwhile, another issue raised its head, that of prestige. "We are very conscious of the responsibility we have as the first English team to play abroad after England's failure in the European championship", Mr Paisley said. "The prestige of the country is at stake and we mean to do something about it." Emlyn Hughes, the Liverpool captain, echoed the same sort of sentiments. "Poland is a place of bitter memory since we lost in the World Cup here", he said.

"We would like to get our own back for that, not as revenge, but to show them we can still compete with the best in the world at club level. The old Fairs Cup and Uefa Cup have been won by English clubs so often it's practically ours. We can win it this season. We've more experience and ability than most clubs. Personally, I'm not too bothered about the pitch. I've seen worse."



Case : set for first European tie.

Marsh hopes to sign for Aston Villa today

Rodney Marsh, the Manchester City and England forward, discussed personal terms with the Aston Villa manager, Ron Saunders, at Villa Park yesterday and afterwards said that he was "optimistic" about signing for the Midland club.

Marsh added: "There are a couple of minor matters concerning my family to be resolved, but I appreciate that the opportunity for me at Villa Park is enormous—as big if not bigger than it would have been at Anderlecht. I will return to Villa Park tomorrow to finalize matters once I have had this discussion with my wife.

"I knew Ron Saunders when he was manager at Manchester City, and I have a lot of respect for him. While a lot of managers are wary of me it was a tremendous boost for me when Ron made an offer. You only have to look at the stadium and the crowd figures at Villa Park to realize what an opportunity this is for me."

The clubs agreed a transfer fee of £45,000 earlier this week and Mr Saunders is hoping to clinch the deal so that Marsh can play against Leicester City on Saturday.

City turned Saunders's first offer down, and then Marsh himself negotiated with an American club and Anderlecht, of Belgium, before those negotiations broke down.

Third division Walsall failed in a move to sign the Manchester United defender Steve James yesterday. The clubs had agreed a fee, which would have been a record for Walsall, but 24-year-old James turned down the transfer because he wants to stay in the first division.

Today's fixtures

Uefa Cup

Third round, first leg
Slask, Wroclaw v Liverpool (Wroclaw, 12.0).

FA Cup

First round replays
Bournemouth v Sutton United (7.30).
Chester v Darlington (7.30).
Dover v Colchester (7.30).
ANGLO SCOTTISH CUP FINAL (first leg): Middlesbrough v Fulham (7.30).
OTHER MATCH: Manchester United v Manchester City (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Worksop v Macclesfield (7.30).

Rugby Union

TOUR MATCH: South Western Division, Australians (Bristol, 7.0).
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: East Midlands v Leicestershire (Northampton, 7.15); Kent v Surrey (Maidstone, 2.30); Middlesex v Eastern Counties (Richmond, 2.30); Sussex v Hampshire (Eastbourne, 2.30). Staffordshire v Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire (Burton). PLUS MATCHES: Monmouthshire v Bridgend (7.30). Pontypridd v Lydney (7.0).

Monday's results

LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round replay: West Ham United 0, Tottenham Hotspur 2 (after extra time; winners home to Doncaster Rovers).
FA CUP: First round replays: Bedford 2, Wycombe Wanderers 2 (after extra time; winners away to Cardiff City); Port Vale 4, Grantham 3 (winners away to Huddersfield Town); Wrexham 1, Mansfield Town 1 (after extra time; second replay in December 8; winners home to Lincoln City).

Ajax and AC Milan lead the UEFA pack

The former European Cup holders, Ajax and A. C. Milan, lead the pack of 16 challengers for the quarter-final places in the UEFA Cup today.

Ajax claimed the European crown in 1971 and went on to complete a hat-trick of European Cup wins. Some of the magic has now gone with the departure of the Dutch World Cup stars Johan Cruyff and Johan Meeskens to Barcelona, but they will be tough opposition for Bulgaria's Levski Spartak Sofia in Amsterdam.

A. C. Milan, winners of the European Cup in 1963 and 1969, are at home to Spartak Moscow, having been run embarrassingly close by the little Irish League club Athlone Town in the previous round. Gianni Rivera, the former Italian "golden boy", now a major shareholder in the club, will be hoping to recapture some of the past glory for the proud Italian club.

But Ajax and Milan are not likely to have the UEFA Cup to themselves. Apart from Liverpool representing England, West Germany's depth of football talent will be represented by Hamburg SV, who take on Portugal's FC Porto, while the dark horses of the competition could prove to be Belgium's FC Brugeois.

The Belgians showed their fighting spirit in the last round when they wiped away a 3-0 first leg deficit against England's Ipswich Town to gain a third round tie against Italy's AS Roma.

The return matches will be played on December 10.—Reuter.

Rugby Union

Injured Cambridge captain resigns

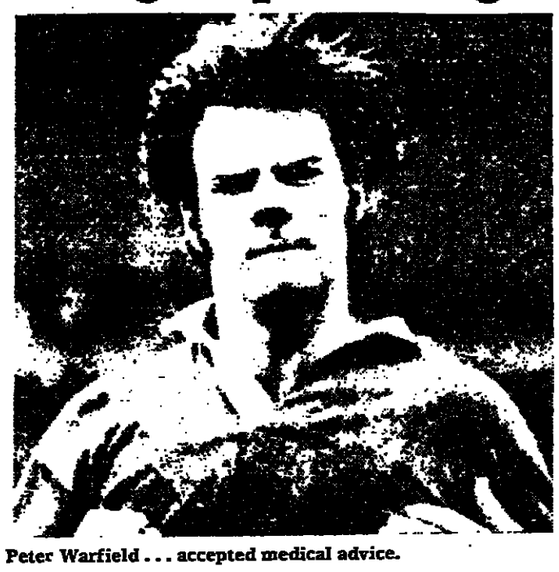
By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Peter Warfield has resigned as captain of Cambridge University rugby football club, and has been succeeded by the secretary, Alastair Hignell. His acceptance of the post must resolve doubts about him playing against Oxford University on December 9. Hignell, who, as I suggested yesterday, badly needs match practice, additionally has accepted the invitation of the selectors to play for England only three days earlier, in the first national trial.

Warfield, with only three games behind him this term, because of cartilage troubles, tried out his knee for the LX Club against Leicester University at the weekend but it let him down as soon as he had touched the ball. He has accepted medical advice to have an operation after the university match.

This is a harsh, although not really an unexpected, development for Warfield, and for a side that in recent weeks has seemed after an exotic beginning, increasingly to need his strength and all round expertise in the centre. But, assuming that Hignell will play full back or nowhere against Oxford, it increases the chance of Grant, his dashing deputy all term, acquiring a Blue in midfield.

Hignell is playing at full back, and Grant in the centre, for the LX Club against Cambridgeshire at Perse School this afternoon. The other centre will be Maidment, of London Welsh, who missed several weeks with an injury but now appears to be making a strong bid for a place at Twickenham. Hignell has the problem of sorting out the best combination in that position for Twickenham.



Peter Warfield . . . accepted medical advice.

O'Callaghan, of the All Blacks, has recovered from a tweeky hamstring and will play for the university against Northampton on Saturday—their last fixture before the university match. So also will Wordsworth, who ruled himself out of the side against Harlequins last Saturday and whose appearances must be frustratingly irregular both for his colleagues and his own prospects. The selectors cannot be expected to consider him seriously until he plays week in and week out in every sort of circumstance.

Warfield becomes the second Cambridge captain to surrender the captaincy this decade; Keith-Roach handed over to Redmond after returning with hepatitis from a tour of Argentina in 1971, although he played in the university match.

South-west's front row could set game alight

The Australians play their second tour match under floodlights at Bristol tonight (kick-off 7.0) against the South-western division (Somerset/Gloucestershire) after losing their first evening match to Midland Counties East. Although up against a pack which includes all but one of the forwards of the county champions, Gloucestershire, the Wallabies have not picked their strongest side.

Many of the lesser lights have been included in a team which will surely miss the experience of their captain and scrum half, Hipwell. Hauser takes Hipwell's place and will be partnered by Wright, who has yet to show his best form. Shaw returns at centre to captain the side in which Fay, the big lock, plays his fifth successive game since he arrived as a replacement.

With Nelmes, Pullin and Burton forming the South West's front row the Australians could be in for a fiery evening. They were England's front three in the notorious match in Brisbane last May when Burton was sent off. Only MacDougall, of Australia's front row that day, will be playing tomorrow, but Fay, Smith and Shaw were also in the side who did battle.

The South West have been hit by injuries to three chief players—Bayliss, Beese and Dix, who tore shoulder ligaments in the last minute of the game between Somerset and Gloucestershire last Saturday.

Williams, the Gloucester stand-off half, has been moved to the centre where he will partner Hazzard, the young Weston-super-Mare player. Bath's Horton has been brought in to join Harding at half back with Carter taking over from Dix. Even so, the South West may gain enough dominance up front to prevent the Australians registering their fourth successive win.

SOUTH WEST: P. E. Butler (Gloucester); A. J. G. Morley (Bristol), C. G. Williams (Gloucester), R. Hazzard (Weston-super-Mare), R. S. Carter (Bristol); J. R. Horton (Bath), R. Harding (Bristol); B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff), J. V. Pullin (Bristol, captain), M. A. Burton (Gloucester), J. H. Fidler (Gloucester), S. J. Davies (Bristol), J. A. Watkins (Gloucester), D. M. Rollitt (Bristol), M. J. Rafter (Bristol).

AUSTRALIANS: P. E. McLean; J. R. Ryan, J. Berne, G. A. Shaw (captain), P. G. Batch; K. J. Wright, R. G. Hauser; S. G. MacDougall, C. M. Carberry, J. E. C. Meadows, G. Fay, R. A. Smith, G. K. Pearse, G. Cornelsen, A. A. Shaw.

Referee: M. S. Lewis (Wales).

London Irish are without three first team forwards for the game against London Scottish at Sunbury on Saturday. Kennedy is playing for Ulster and Molloy and O'Driscoll for Connacht.

London Scottish are strengthened by the return of Biggar, Clark and Fraser. But they lose Wright, who is unavailable. He is replaced at lock by Isted. To make way for the return of Biggar to the centre. Birkett moves out to the wing.

Yetton, a hospital doctor from Lewisham, and Jackson, the Army centre, make their first appearance in the Blackheath three-quarter line against Coventry at the Rectory Field. Swainston is restored at Hooker.

Taylor plays his first game since January

The former Wales and British Lions player, John Taylor, plays his first game on Saturday since his career was threatened by facial injuries nearly a year ago. Taylor had extensive hospital treatment for a fractured jaw and cheekbone suffered in a tackle against Bath on January 11.

Now, after a gradual return to fitness, he will play on Saturday for either the Druids or the Dragons, the London Welsh reserve sides.

Taylor's return will be good news for the beleagured London Welsh who will be seeking to avoid their eighth successive defeat when they meet Harlequins at Twickenham on Saturday. John Williams returns at full-back after missing the Newport game with a shoulder injury and Powell takes over the problem spot at scrum half.

Harlequins make only one change from the side who hammered Cambridge University. Jenkins, the wing, injured a knee against Cambridge and will be out for three weeks. He is replaced by Hammond.

East Midlands recall Ward at full back for their final game against Leicestershire at Northampton today. Carter, who had ousted Ward from the team, is required at stand off half because of an injury to Revody (Rugby).

Leicestershire make one change to the side who drew with North Midlands last week. Leicester's Adey returns to the back row after missing the last match with a heavy cold. He replaces Marshall.

Dorset and Wilts make four changes for their southern group match with Hertfordshire at Croxley Green next Wednesday. The combined counties must win this final encounter to take the group.

Tennis

Wimbledon prices going up 25 per cent

Inflation will make its presence felt at the Wimbledon tennis championships from June 21 to July 3 next year. The prices of tickets are going up by about 25 per cent. The cost of a ticket booked in advance on the centre court goes up from £3.30 to £4.40 and a two-day centre court ticket from £5.60 to £8.80.

Daily centre court seats will be £4 as against the previous £3, while a seat in No 1 court's open stand will be £2.50 (£1.65). Entrance through the turnstiles will cost £1 (75p) and admission after 5.0 will be increased from 40p to 60p. An official of the All England Club said: "The general rise in everything has been phenomenal and that is the reason why the prices have been increased."

Rex Bellamy writes: These price increases, like all the others, will be regretted by almost everyone except those who benefit from them. But they are easy to justify. Indeed, many would reasonably argue that, for what it offers, Wimbledon provides such excellent value for money that it may still be underpriced.

Granted fine weather, the game's most famous festival offers a diversity of matches from 2.0 until dusk, together with the inevitable ambiance of a great sporting and social occasion. How does one put a price on the tingle of excitement most of us feel as we pass through the gates of the All England Club, or the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones, and on the splendour of the setting in which the finest players in the world are competing?

Sports differ so sharply in their promotional problems and possibilities that comparisons are at best shaky. But two-match squash rackets programmes (and I am not talking about the "Wimbledon" of squash) are packing in the customers at anything between £4 and £10 a time. Wimbledon, of course, has a much larger public to attract. But the championships do this with such consistent success that, rather than being censured for increasing prices, Wimbledon should be congratulated on keeping them at such modest levels.

Solomon's ticket to Stockholm

Johannesburg, Nov 25.—Harold Solomon, of the United States, won the men's singles today in the South African open tennis championships and gained a place in the grand prix masters tournament which starts next Sunday in Stockholm.

Solomon's victory by 6—2, 6—4, 5—7, 6—1, over Brian Gottfried, also of the United States, earned him 80 points and pushed him past Eddie Dibbs into ninth place in the grand prix standings. He gets his place in the eight-man tournament because Jimmy Connors, sixth in the standings, turned down an invitation to compete. Solomon's win, which left him with 375 points to Dibbs's 370, earned him £6,000.

FINAL GRAND PRIX PLACINGS: 1, G. Vilas (Argentina), 850 pts; 2, M. Orantes (Spain), 764; 3, B. Borg (Sweden), 560; 4, A. Ashe (US), 550; 5, I. Nastase (Romania), 488; 6, J. S. Connors (US), 470; 7, R. Ramirez (Mexico), 402; 8, A. Panatta (Italy), 395; 9, H. Solomon (US), 376; 10, E. Dibbs (US), 370; 11, J. Kodes (Czechoslovakia), 358; 12, J. Pillol (Chile), 339.—Reuter and UPI.

Motor racing

Fittipaldi hopes to be released from contract

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Sao Paulo, Brazil, Nov 25.—merson Fittipaldi, Brazil's former orld champion racing driver, said ere yesterday that he hoped the cLaren racing organization would elease him from contract before e end of the year so that he ould start testing the Brazilian -opersucar-Fittipaldi car which he tends to drive in 1976.

Fittipaldi, who drove for cLaren in this year's world hampionship series, confirmed at press conference here that he d signed for Copersucar in 1976.

The Brazilian, who won the orld championship in 1972 and 974, said he was realizing "the ream of my life" in driving razil's first Formula One car.

Gymnastics

Miss Korbut is fed up and wants to be an actress

Moscow, Nov 25.—A discontented Olga Korbut says she is "sick and tired" of gymnastics and wants to be an actress. "I need the love of the public", she said. Her trainer, Renald Knish, said the Olympic champion does not work hard enough.

The surprising public picture of disputes involving the 20-year-old Soviet star and her team officials emerged in an unusually frank story in *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspaper.

The reporter described the diminutive gymnast, the winner of three gold medals at the 1972 Olympics, as "sharp in her opinions, absolutely indifferent to my questions". He quoted Miss Korbut as saying: "Sometimes I want to give everything up, to be as others are. I am getting sick and tired of gymnastics. I have not enough strength."

Asked if she should eventually turn to training, Miss Korbut replied: "Never, I dream of being an actress." She said: "It would be perfect to enter the school of the Moscow Art Theatre." She said she had no thoughts of going into ballet. "I am too small. I won't make a ballerina."

Miss Korbut protested that she was not permitted to introduce new routines and that she was not fit for a recent London contest—where she took second place to her teammate, Ludmilla Tourischeva.

Table tennis

British pair hope to land another title

Jill Hammersley, who won the Hungarian Open title this month, and Carole Knight, her partner in the England team which took the women's team prize at the same championships, combine again in the Scandinavian Open, at Kalmar from November 27 to 30.

England's men for Scandinavia are Nicholas Jarvis, who was a quarter-finalist in the recent Yugoslav Open, and Denis Neale.

England's team for the European League match against Ireland, at Bath on December 11, is: D. Douglas (Warwickshire), N. Jarvis, D. Neale (Cleveland), J. Hammersley (Buckinghamshire) and L. Howard (Surrey). Captain: B. Burn.

Cricket

Boyce misses Test with torn ligaments

Brisbane, Nov 25.—Keith Boyce, e West Indies most experienced l rounder, has torn ligaments in s back and is out of considera-on for the first cricket Test on riday against Australia here. he 32-year-old right arm open-g bowler and punishing batsman maged his back in the game ainst Queensland and could not actice.

"Keith cannot move freely and will not be considered for the st", the West Indies captain, oyd said today.

Boyce has appeared in 17 Tests atches and was acknowledged his team's fastest bowler after oberts until Holding's emergence this tour as a fast bowler of citing potential. West Indies ill select their Test team on hursday.

It is now expected that they ill choose six specialist batsmen Fredericks, Greenidge, Rowe, allicharran, Lloyd and Richards Deryck Murray as wicketkeeper id four bowlers, Julien, Inshan i, Gibbs and Roberts. Holding expected to be twelfth man ter his splendid all round per-rmance against New South ales.

Greenidge, who injured his left nd in the New South Wales atch 10 days ago, was back in ction in the nets today and came rough the practice with only a inimum of discomfort. Guyana's onard Baichan, who was stand-g by to fill the second opener's ace, may be a little disappointed Greenidge's quick recovery. The est Indian selectors, however, ill be delighted that they can ll on the little Bajan.

Despite a disappointing tour so r, Fredericks is certain to be e other opening batsman.

Brisbane's former Lord Mayor em Jones had sunshine today help him prepare the Test tch but the West Indians stayed way from the ground, practising the nearby Church of England ammar school instead.

The only question surrounding e Australian team is who will nd down from the 12 named. alker, Gilmour, Mallett and nner seem to be the candidates, pending on how much spin the lectors wish to carry in their ack.—Reuter.

Overs—not hours—should govern a day's duration

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) hold their statutory autumn meeting at Lord's today and tomorrow. Besides such relatively minor matters as the duration of the final Test match of a home series, and what shall be allowed in the way of polishing the ball, they will be considering reports on "the current structure of first-class cricket in England and its effects on the standards of play" and the "deterioration in behavioural standards on the field". Slow over rates in Test matches and the rules of registration are also on the agenda.

With three or four leading Australians, including Ian Chappell, being warned only recently for their conduct in a match at Adelaide, the whole business of players' behaviour has been brought into the public eye. For a footballer to be sent off the field one week and made England's captain the next, passes almost without notice. If cricket is not to go the same way, threats may have to give way to sanctions. Trevor Bailey was telling me earlier this month that in his days with Essex, which were not very long ago, vile language aimed at players on the field was practically never heard. Today it is commonplace. I hope the TCCB realize this: the charm and character of cricket depend very much upon its best traditions being carefully guarded.

Our umpires are nothing like forthright enough in seeing to this. It is due partly to their reticence, too, that over rates have dwindled so. The TCCB are considering recommending to the International Cricket Conference that a system of fines should be introduced into Test cricket to counter this trend. For myself I am coming round to thinking that a day's Test cricket or county cricket should consist not of so many hours, but of a minimum number of overs, with adjustments being made according to light and weather. The rule whereby 20 overs have to be bowled in the last hour of a first-class match is one of the few that the players have been unable to circumvent.

That sub committee of the TCCB which has been looking into the structure of county cricket is concerned to find the right balance between one and three-day cricket, or even one-day and four-day cricket. Purists believe there to be too much one-day cricket; so do a lot of the players, in spite of its rewards. The masses like it however, and the revenue is vital. Last season anyone playing in all Leicestershire's matches could have had 18 three-day games (16 in the championship, one against the Australians and one against Cambridge University) and 26 different one-day games. Their prize money incidentally, all of it distributed among the players, for winning the championship and the Benson and Hedges competition, was in the region of £9,000.

The club benefits less directly, by way of increased membership and a more eager local sponsorship.

One of the main aims of the TCCB is "to ensure that the maximum encouragement is given to players who are qualified for England to develop their skills by playing regular county cricket. The intention is to get to a stage when no county can play more than two players not qualified for England in a 'county match'". The limiting to two of the number of overseas players allowed to play in any one match has to be right. One day it could come down to one.

Last season there were times when Surrey, Warwickshire and Worcestershire each had four, and Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Kent and Northamptonshire, three, which excluded 24 English players, or more than two full sides from having their chance. Only Yorkshire, of course, had none.

Worcestershire can register Imran

Worcestershire are to be allowed to register Imran Khan, the Pakistan Test all-rounder, as an overseas player in 1976. The county won their appeal to the Cricket Council against a previous committee decision.

CALCUTTA: Tour match: East Zone 198 and 194 for 9 dec (A. Gnatha 5-60); Sri Lanka 159 and 123 for 5. Match drawn.

Golf

Youngest woman player of year is a Scot

Suzanne Cadden, aged 18, of Scotland, has become the youngest winner of the Women Golfer of the Year trophy awarded by Daks. The daughter of a Glasgow dentist was the unanimous selection of a panel of golf writers as the player whose performances in big events this year had contributed most prestige to British women's golf.

Miss Cadden had a remarkable season. She achieved a feat beyond her wildest dreams when she reached the final of the British women's championship at St Andrews, only to be beaten by the experienced United States Curtis Cup player, Nancy Syms, by 3 and 2.

It was a strenuous year for Miss Cadden, a former world junior champion. She won the British girls' title and was also runner-up for the British women's stroke-play and Scottish girls' championships. She was a member of the British and Irish team that played against Europe in the Vagliano Trophy, and represented Scotland in the junior and senior home international matches and the European team championship.

Miss Cadden's talents have been fully recognised by the British selectors, who have already chosen her for the party for the Curtis Cup match at Royal Lytham and St Annes in June.

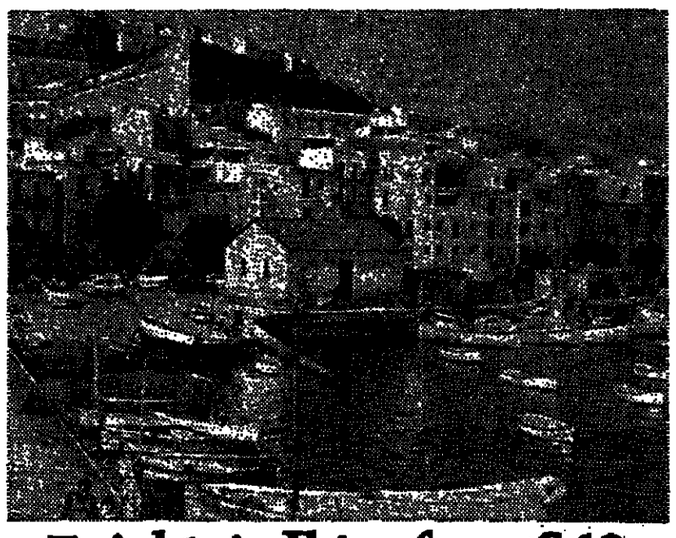
Open Martini goes to South Wales in 1976

For the first time since its inauguration in 1961 the Martini golf tournament is to become an open event. The Martini returns to South Wales in 1976 and will be staged at Ashburnham Golf Club, near Llanelli, from June 9 to 12, with a pre-qualifying round on Monday, June 7, at a venue to be announced later.

Trophy awarded

In the absence in Persia of the European three-day event champion, Lucinda Prior-Palmer, her father, Major-General Errol Prior-Palmer, received the British Equestrian Writers' Association trophy from Alan Smith, the chairman, for the personality of the year, at the annual luncheon of the association at the Cafe Royal yesterday.

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Racing

Red Rum should draw the crowds but not the sting of Bula

By Jim Snow

Fred Winter's thoughts no doubt will go back 18 years when he saddles Bula today for the £2,500 Sundew Steeplechase at Haydock Park. It was on the big slashing chestnut horse, Sundew, that he won the 1957 Grand National from the gallant but always luckless Scottish horse, Wyndburgh, runner up in two more Grand Nationals, to Oxo in 1959, and Kilmore in 1962. The year after his Aintree triumph Sundew came down at the water jump opposite the stands at Haydock, broke his back and had to be destroyed.

This will be the seasonal reappearance of the 10-year-old Bula, who came on the jumping scene in 1969-70, ran six times over hurdles and won six times. To show that this remarkable sequence was no flash in the pan, he came out the following year to run seven times, and again he was unbeaten. Altogether he has in six seasons made 37 appearances, and recorded 29 victories—eight over fences and 21 over hurdles.

Conditions of today's Sundew Steeplechase are tailor-made for Bula as he begins in public the long road leading to Cheltenham in March and the Gold Cup. Eight months ago he finished third in the race to Ten Up. He has three rivals, carries 12st and concedes only 5 lb to Royal Relief and Kilvulgan. At level weights he meets a horse who has been the toast of Lancashire for the past four years. Red Rum.

From a humble background on the flat eight years ago in a selling race Red Rum has caught the imagination, and throughout his career he has never been away from the headlines. This has been repeated in the past fortnight by the replacement of his regular jockey, Brian Fletcher, by Ron Barry. Last Saturday Red Rum ran well to finish sixth under top weight to April Seventh in Newbury's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup. He never looked likely to win, but he ran a good race and his trainer, Donald McCain, feels that one more outing this afternoon at Haydock will do him no harm before a planned six weeks' rest.

Yet, Bula must be first choice It may be that Red Rum, despite his always safe and sure jumping, will finish behind Bula and Royal Relief. A little edge has gone off his speed, although at 10 years of age he is not a back number. Last season at Windsor Bula beat Royal Relief by six lengths, and as they meet on the same terms there is no reason why the placings should be reversed. The real winner this afternoon will be the Haydock executive, for the crowds will come in to watch the meeting of Bula and Red Rum, both champions in their own different ways.

Casbah, owned by the senior steward of the Jockey Club, Lord Leverhulme, and second in his one outing this season at Worcester to Peter Easterby's top class chaser Easby Abbey, is preferred to Bob Turnell's Wild Fox in the County Handicap Steeplechase. Manzoni, a six-length winner of his only previous race at Wincanton in October, and Fred Rimell's Karandala, second at Ascot on November 14 to Doo'Cot Park, a useful novice, may be the best selections for the Weaverham Hurdle and the second division of the Haydock Maiden Hurdle, respectively.

Canharis became a possible for the Scottish Grand National when he came home a game three-quarters of a length winner from Nice Palm in the Rufford Handicap Steeplechase at Wetherby yesterday. Dennis Atkins, the jockey, said: "I gave him a breather down the far side and had my doubts about whether he would score going to the last. He certainly has a fine turn of foot."

Neville Crump, saddling his ninth winner of the season, trains Canharis for Lord Zetland.

Ron Barry was seen at his strongest when Siobara (4-1) held on for a neck victory over the fast-finishing King's Comet in the first division of the Leeds Novices Hurdle. Siobara, owned by Mrs Judy Aspell from Reading, provided the trainer, Bill Haigh, with his first winner over jumps this season. The son of Fleece only cost 500 guineas as a yearling, and has now won three races—two on the flat.

Explanation by King accepted at Ludlow

Jeffrey King was summoned before the Ludlow stewards yesterday afternoon after finishing fourth on The Maltings in the first division of the Brimfield Novices' Hurdle, won by Falcon's Boy.

King was asked why he failed to ride his mount out for third place and his explanation—that he thought the horse was wrong and did not want to put The Maltings under pressure after the last flight—was accepted. Falcon's Boy, joint favourite with The Maltings, won by 15 lengths in the hands of the 28-year-old amateur, John Bowles.

The second of five qualifying races in the Knight, Frank and Rutley Handicap Hurdle series produced a stirring contest with Paul Richards and El Cardo winning by a neck from Corrib Road.

The win was compensation for El Cardo's trainer, Betty Kennard. Her odds-on favourite, Clifton Fair, had slipped on landing three fences from home in the Culmington Novices' Steeplechase, which went to the 15-1 chance Dad's Army. El Cardo was one of four horses with a winning chance on the run-in but Richards kept his mount going strongly to hold Corrib Road at bay.

Dad's Army gave the two-horse permit trainer James Colston his first winner since Capital Asset won over the same course in October, 1971. Dad's Army jumped the last three fences together with the 50-1 chance Eastern American, going away from that rival on the run-in to beat him by two and a half lengths. Dad's Army formerly raced on the flat for David Robinson.

The second leg of the novices' hurdle was won from start to finish by Nelvern, who was wearing blinkers for the first time over obstacles and triumphed by six lengths from the favourite, Somersel.

Ludlow's veteran specialist Golden Batman, achieved his sixth win on the track when beating his solitary opponent Doctor Zhivago in the Clun Steeplechase. Another old campaigner, Gay Kildare, gave age, weight and a beating to four opponents in the Corvedale Handicap Steeplechase.

Morley set for another good day at Ascot

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

There should be another good day's racing at Sandown Park on Saturday, thanks entirely to Benson and Hedges, who have again given £14,000 towards the prize money. Four of the races bear their name, but by far and away the most valuable are the Benson and Hedges Handicap Steeplechase and the Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle, each with £6,000 added.

Tingle Creek, who ran one of his best races on the corresponding day 12 months ago when he carried 12st 6lb into second place, heads the list of acceptors for the handicap steeplechase, which will be run over two miles and 18 yards. I mention the 18 yards because they can make all the difference. Flashy Boy, who recently won the Black and White Whisky Gold Cup at Ascot, is due to return from Ireland, where he is trained by Archie Watson, and attempt to plunder a second valuable prize.

Easby Abbey is seeking his revenge. His fall at Ascot made life that much easier for Flashy Boy, who will be meeting him on 9lb worse terms this time. This considerable difference is reflected in the ante-post price list drawn up by Hills yesterday. It reads: 5-4 Easby Abbey, 3-1 Flashy Boy, 5-1 Tingle Creek, St Swithin, Black Andrew, Dan'l Widden and Prize Crew (who is unlikely to run) are the only other acceptors.

Hills have also opened an ante-post book on the Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle, but I would be reluctant to commit myself until the day of the race because a number of trainers with acceptors at yesterday's four-day forfeit stage have said quite openly that their runners will only appear if there is rain in some quantity in the meantime.

Having made that point, I must add that it is known that the five who dominate the betting are all intended runners. The Hertford, who finished second to Night Nurse in the Free Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow in October, has been installed as favourite at 5 to 1. Supreme Halo comes next in the betting at 7 to 1, even though he is penalized for winning the Black and White Whisky Hurdle. Ron Smyth intends reducing his weight by putting up his good young rider, Ron Forsyth, who can still claim the 7 lb allowance.

Anson Gonsalves will also be claiming the same allowance on William Pitt, thereby reducing his weight to 11 st 9 lb. William Pitt is an 8 to 1 chance, having already won the Marlow Ropes-John Skeaping Trophy at Sandown this season. Also on offer at 8 to 1 are Tree Tangle and Alverton. Tree Tangle finished third in the Champion Hurdle last March, but has not run this season. Alverton was successful at Newcastle only last Friday at the first time of asking. He, too, is penalized but his weight is only 11 st 3 lb even with his penalty.

There is not much to get excited about at Ascot today. As I mentioned yesterday David Morley has got his young hurdlers in wonderful form at present and he is understandably keen to strike while the iron is hot. Sodor, who is my selection to win the second division of the Punch Bowl Juvenile Novices Hurdle won a similar race pretty easily at Newbury last Friday. His hurdling was extremely proficient and he is likely to be hard to catch.

Saintly Purchase, Morley's runner in the earlier division, ran well enough in his first race under National Hunt rules at Kempton, to suggest that a prize of this nature certainly ought to be well within his grasp. He was beaten a fraction under four lengths by the more experienced Sarpedon. Otherwise, the day could belong to Fred Winter and his underlings. With John Francome required at Haydock Park to partner Bula, Robert Kington will ride Wayward Scot in the Home Park Novices Steeplechase and Kington will also be on Sonny Somers in the John Comins Opportunity Handicap Steeplechase which they won 12 months ago.

Wayward Scot has not run in a steeplechase, but he looks the type to make the grade. He is a full brother to Wayward Angus and a half brother to another smart steeplechaser, Cuckolder. On the other hand, Ghost Writer, who is one of his principal rivals this afternoon has not looked all that happy jumping fences this season.

STATE OF GOING (official): Haydock Park: Steeplechase course, good (last two furlongs firm); Hurdles course, good to firm (last three furlongs firm). Ascot, good to firm. Ludlow, good to firm. Wincanton (tomorrow), good. Warwick (tomorrow), good to firm.

In the spring a young girl's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of the 800 metres

'Miss Britain' enters a new world

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

Donna Murray, the British women's record holder for 400 metres, will have her first race over 800 metres next spring. That piece of news is bound to make one recall the last "golden girl" of British athletics—the late Lillian Board, who was second in the Olympic 400 metres in 1968 and the following year became European champion over two laps.

There are those who feel that Miss Board might have been wiser to try 800 rather than 400 metres at the Mexico City Olympics, in which she was so unexpectedly beaten by the little-known Colette Besson, of France. I suspect, however, that there is a tendency, in that case, to be wise after the event, for Miss Board did not mature as a 400 metres runner until 1967 and probably needed another two seasons before she was able to make the move up distance.

The classic example of combining the two events was Ann Packer—later Mrs Robbie Brightwell—who, in 1964, concentrated on the Tokyo Olympic 400 metres, finished second to Australia's Betty Cuthbert over that distance but, following an earlier out-of-season 600 metres time trial, which I watched, was wisely advised by her coach, Denis Watts, to double up in the Olympic 800 metres and, against the odds, won a gold medal after all.

Michael Smith, who coaches Miss Murray, has no thought at all of his charge changing her Olympic goal. "The programme for Montreal makes it quite impossible for Donna to try both events", he points out, "and so she will stay with the 400. But we'd already been thinking last season about her trying at least one 800 and we would have done so if it had been possible to fit one in. It's just something we want to do as an experiment for the future."

Miss Murray herself at first sounds rather more tentative about the subject because, having had problems with the "media" before, she regards any conversation with a reporter as pregnant with the possibilities of exaggeration. "I don't want great headlines saying 'Donna goes for the 800 today' just before I try one", she told me when she was training at Crystal Palace last weekend. "It's just that I know I have the speed and I think I have the strength—I've run more than five miles in training often enough—and the big question is whether I can put the two together."

Mr Smith thinks of an early season run, perhaps in April, because the Olympics will be starting as early as mid-July, and, though Miss Murray is happy to agree, she is also tinkering with the idea of trying the 800 metres in the Women's Amateur Athletic Association championships next August after all the gold hunting in Montreal. "It's no good going in for just a club race for my first 800", she feels, "because I could end up in front worrying about the extra distance I was running. I need to be in with 800 specialists who will go through the first 400 fast enough and make me concentrate on watching them."

The general public are likely to be saturated with the picture of Miss Murray as a blonde bombshell of the track next summer—all flowing locks and golden limbs backed by the kind of inane commentaries one might expect from a "Miss World" presenter. How different it all was at Crystal Palace last weekend as "the golden girl" drove herself through 12 lonely 200-metre sprints and then bravely followed the pace of David Jenkins, the men's national 400 metres record holder, in a 500-metres time trial.

It was a chilly morning, even if the sun was out, and Miss Murray, with that characteristically low-arm action which her coach will not attempt to change ("It's part of her now and, anyway, what's more important is her determination"), honestly admitted to me: "I made a mistake just now in telling Mike I was feeling pretty good. When I say that he always raises his eyebrows, smiles cunningly and thinks up something tough for me to do—like a 500 or a 600 time trial."

Carefully, she approached her coach and tried to extract some sympathy. "Mike, I feel pretty sore about the legs", she said, with a deliberately furrowed brow. Mr Smith looked at her for several long seconds until she could no longer keep up the pretence of extreme pain and fatigue and laughed out loud. "I'll give you 35 minutes' rest", he promised, "and then you can do a 500." Miss Murray looked at Jenkins and the other male 400 metres runners jogging up and down and decided: "No, that's too long to wait. I want my coffee break. I'll be ready to go with *them* in three minute's time."

When she did, the men deliberately set a *blazing* pace and soon were far in front. But she kept driving along, never giving up, never feeling *sorry* for herself, the complete competitor even though she was left well behind. Whatever happens to Donna Murray amid all the razzmatazz of Montreal, she deserved a burst of television's hysteria just then. Mr Smith watched her cross the finish line alone, clicked his stop-watch and nodded in agreement: "Yes, she's a good one all right."



Presenting the golden girl of 1976: Miss Murray's locks will flow and overflow on page and screen in Olympic year.

Ascot programme

12.30 PUNCH BOWL HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £783: 2m)

Linsky (M. Sobell), F. Winter, 11-7 ... James Guest 5; Camina (Miss I. Ritchie), M. Francis, 11-0; Glenshane (D. Hoskin), M. Goswell, 11-0 ... R. Rowell; Golden Autumn (Lady Durham), G. P.-Gordon, 11-0 ... C. Pock 7; Gold Streak (J. Collins), A. Johnson, 11-0 ... N. Mackness; King's Hazard (D. Barrons), Barrons, 11-0; Lady Caringa (D. Vaughan), V. Cross, 11-0 ... F. McKenna; Man of Letters (Mrs A. Young), R. Blakeney, 11-0; Marmalade (C. Armstrong), G. Balding, 11-0 ... J. Fox; Pelham Wood (C. Weeks), R. Armytage, 11-0; Red Colorado (Mrs C. O'Shea), Mrs Finch, 11-0; Saintly Purchase (Ld Harlington), D. Morley, 11-0 ... B. R. Davies; Snow Mountain (D. Jacob), A. Stevens, 11-0 ... N. Flanagan; Subaltern (P. Cane), C. Dingwall, 11-0 ... D. O'Donovan; Wephen (D. Weatherley), P. Cole, 11-0 ... R. Kington 5; Westward Express (C. Hill), G. Balding, 11-0 ... R. Linley

2-1 Linsky, 9-4 Saintly Purchase, 6-1 Golden Autumn, 8-1 Wephen, 10-1 Snow Mountain, 12-1 Marmalade, Westward Express, 14-1 others.

1.5 JOHN COMINS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £599: 2½m)

312000- Sonny Somers (CD) (Dr P. Brown), F. Winter, 11-12-3 ... R. Kington; 22p012 Crumlin (D) (Miss G. Newall), G. Balding, 8-10-7 ... K. Roberts 7; 0-04400 Sicilian Son (D) (Mrs J. Blott), M. James, 8-10-7 ... Hawkins 7; 00-0013 Super Do (D) (P. Johnston), J. Hayward, 8-10-7 ... B. McNally 7

13-8 Sonny Somers, 2-1 Crumlin, 11-4 Super Do, 12-1 Sicilian Son.

1.35 COPPER HORSE HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £880: 2m)

31p0-04 Golden Duckling (D) (J. Bealey), P. Cundell, 11-1 ... G. Cooper 7; 1002-02 Hiram Maxim (D) (Mrs M. Power), F. Rimell, 11-1 ... K. White; 1013p-4 Star Performance (D) (Mrs K. Leonard), M. Masson, 10-15 ... P. Kelleway; 134000- Quick Attraction (E. Peskin), C. Bewicke, 10-10 ... R. Barry; 1020-3 Lucky Wish (D) (Mrs B. Eastwood), W. Stephenson, 10-7 ... M. Gifford; 131-020 Uncle Leslie (D) (Mrs W. Greenwood), F. Cundell, 10-5 ... B. R. Davies; 4033-02 Colman (D) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 10-1 ... W. Smith; 00422-2 Slievereagh (Mrs M. Valentine), F. Winter, 10-0 ... Mr N. Henderson 5; 111104 What A Palaver (D) (Mrs J. Basham), D. Barons, 10-0 ... S. May

3-1 Colman, 9-2 Lucky Wish, 5-1 Hiram Maxim, 6-1 Golden Duckling, 15-2 What A Palaver, 8-1 Quick Attraction, 10-1 Slievereagh, 14-1 Star Performance, 16-1 Uncle Leslie.

2.5 HOME PARK STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,096: 2m)

0p-21u1 Ghost Writer (R. Smith), F. Walwyn, 8-11-12 ... W. Smith; 3-01212 Perambulate (D) (Mrs D. Meats), D. Barons, 6-11-6 ... S. May; 002-03f Metromead (M. Kent), W. Williams, 8-11-2 ... N. Flanagan; f0-012 Wayward Scot (Mrs B. Stein), F. Winter, 6-11-2 ... R. Kington 5

4-5 Ghost Writer, 5-1 Wayward Scot, 4-1 Perambulate, 8-1 Metromead.

2.40 GARTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £799: 3m)

32p120- The Leap (D) (G. Nicholson), Nicholson, 10-10-7 ... Mr G. Nicholson 7; 20-u24f Fanatic (Mrs M. Jack), W. Williams, 8-10-7 ... Mr J. Frost 7; p14- Malford (G. Pike), Pike, 9-10-7 ... Mr M. Reeves 5; p-00 Manitas (M. Henriques), Henriques, 6-10-7 ... Mr S. Stanhope; 33400u Le Diable (G. Thomas), Thomas, 7-10-7 ... Mr A. Barrett 7

6-4 The Leap, 5-1 Malford, 7-2 Fanatic, 7-1 Le Diable, 16-1 Manitas.

3.15 PUNCH BOWL HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £762: 2m)

Sodor (D) (F. Blott), D. Morley, 11-6 ... B. R. Davies; Cassie (W. Chapman), K. Ivory, 11-0 ... R. Atkins; Commandant (A. Tenty), G. Balding, 11-0 ... H. Bailey; Darcy (Mrs R. Adam), V. Cross, 11-0 ... F. McKenna; Dyscole (Mrs N. Fenton), P. Mitchell, 11-0 ... R. Hughes; Ladbroke Grove (R. Robinson), J. Hayward, 11-0 ... B. McNally 7; Magic Note (S. Ashby), W. Williams, 11-0 ... Mr J. Frost 7; Maria Alexandria (Mrs A. Kalmanson), J. Welch, 11-0; Orcis (B. Hagor), N. Vigors, 11-0 ... R. Barry; Over the Moon (G. Blagbrough), A. Stevens, 11-0 ... N. Flanagan; Star Penny (H. Cameron-Rose), G. P.-Gordon, 11-0 ... C. Pock 7; Tornado Prince (M. Tabor), N. Callaghan, 11-0 ... M. Wagner; Welcome Sara (Mrs T. Woodbridge), D. Ancil, 11-0

5-1 Sodor, 5-1 Magic Note, 15-2 Tornado Prince, 8-1 Dyscole, 10-1 Maria Alexandria, 14-1 Star Penny, 16-1 Commandant, 20-1 others.

Ascot selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

12.30 Saintly Purchase. 1.5 Sonny Somers. 1.35 Slievereagh. 2.5 Wayward Scot. 2.40 The Leap. 3.15 SODOR is specially recommended.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

12.30 Saintly Purchase. 3.15 Sodor.

Ludlow programme

12.45 HALFORD HURDLE (Div 1: £306: 2m 1f)

1 00-4111 Spring Life (P. Greenall), W. A. Stephenson, 6-12-7 ... Mr Greenall; 000-310 De Musset (G. Bourne), C. Davies, 5-11-7; 0-p0001 Lyns Legend (G. Price), Price, 6-11-7 ... Mr Price 7; 0 Bell's Lad (R. Onyett), P. Cowley, 5-11-0 ... Mr A. Wilson; 30-40 Black Auster (L. Merson), Merson, 5-11-0; 0000- Ongar Street (P. Ransom), Ransom, 5-11-0 ... P. Brugan; 034100- Watafella (Mrs D. Meats), D. Barons, 5-11-0 ... P. Leach 7; 10 00- Wayward Nick (Mrs R. Henriques), T. Forster, 5-11-0 ... G. Thorner

9-4 Spring Life, 5-1 De Musset, 100-30 Watafella, 8-1 Lyns Legend, 10-1 Bell's Lad, 12-1 Black Auster, 16-1 Wayward Nick, 20-1 Ongar Street

1.15 LUDLOW HUGH SUMNER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £603: 2m)

1 4301- Dulwich (D) (T. Elley), C. Davies, 8-11-9 ... G. Thorner; 2 1-41014 Colonius (D) (Queen Mother), F. Walwyn, 6-11-6 ... A. Branford; 321034 Sandwilan (D) (M. Spedding), J. Wright, 7-10-13 ... R. Hyett; 0-03113 Flickity Prince (C) (G. Bosley), Bosley, 9-10-10; 421112 Warm Welcome (Mrs E. Gaze), Mrs Gaze, 5-10-3 ... P. Barton; 00320-0 Phillidon (T. Yarnold), Yarnold, 8-10-0 ... P. Blacker

5-2 Colonius, 3-1 Dulwich, 4-1 Flickity Prince, 9-2 Warm Welcome, 6-1 Sandwilan, 12-1 Phillidon.

1.45 CLEEHILL HURDLE (Handicap: £544: 2m 1f)

13333- Glendale (J. Aitken), J. Spearing, 8-11-5 ... Mr A. Wilson; 120-014 Master H (W. Davies), M. Oliver, 6-11-2 ... R. Blacker; 20f-2f Idro (Mrs E. Done), R. L. Peacock, 7-11-0 ... S. O'Neill 7; 7 103003 Streakland (P. Brook), D. Barons, 4-10-4 ... P. Leach 7

11-8 Master H, 9-4 Idro, 5-1 Streakland, 5-1 Glendale.

2.15 TEME STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 3m)

p40p-1p Kildagin (CD) (J. Pilkington), D. Nicholson, 11-11-10 ... J. Suthern; 321122 Mr Wrekin (CD) (Mrs G. Murphy), W. Wilson, 10-10-10 ... D. Cartwright; 0f3141- Son and Heir (B. Perry), J. Edwards, 5-10-7 ... G. Thorner; 10 00-4024 Sixer (G. Clay), Clay, 11-10-7; 11 00013-0 Winall (D) (Mrs K. Lloyd), G. Owen, 7-10-4 ... R. Davies; 110-300 Mr Pippins (D. Brereton), L. Barratt, 5-10-4; f11343- Levelled Out (D) (Mrs L. Gaze), Mrs Gaze, 7-10-5 ... P. Barton; 0p-p3 Eyton Rising (D) (T. Dale), Dale, 10-10-0 ... P. Duggins 7

100-30 Mr Wrekin, 4-1 Kildagin, 9-2 Levelled Out, 5-1 Sixer, 6-1 Winall, 10-1 Son and Heir, 14-1 Mr Pippins, 20-1 Eyton Rising.

2.45 LUDFORD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £544: 2½m)

1 0-132p3 Amarind (D) (Mrs E. Storey), F. Walwyn, 9-11-7 ... K. Mooney 7; 2 11200-1 Charlie Mouse (D) ... Wiggin, T. Forster, 6-11-5 ... G. Thorner; 3-01212 Bienfait (D) (Lt Cmdr J. Herring), Mrs Gaze, 5-10-3 ... P. Barton; 11 13001-0 Lauso Lad (D) (Mrs J. Blott), G. Owen, 5-10-0 ... R. Davies

5-4 Charlie Mouse, 5-2 Bienfait, 7-2 Amarind, 9-2 Lauso Lad.

3.15 HALFORD HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £306: 2m 1f)

000411 Proceed (Dr P. Green), D. Barons, 5-12-0 ... P. Leach 7; Arisaig (T. Wilson), J. Haine, 6-11-7; 000-120 Scshezmine (CD) (T. Roberts), Roberts, 6-11-7 ... D. Speck 7; 024-053 Blabbermouth (Capt J. George), George, 6-11-0; p000-p03 Border Larek (Mrs O. Harvard), J. Peacock, 5-11-0; 23 Prairie Master (T. Kilroy), R. E. Peacock, 6-11-0 ... S. O'Neill 7; 10 00-f Skid Alley (Mr G. Parton), J. Edwards, 5-11-0; 11 p00 Torulle Pet (Mrs D. Benbow), T. Yarnold, 6-11-0 ... R. Hyett

11-8 Arisaig, 9-4 Proceed, 9-2 Prairie Master, 6-1 Scshezmine, 10-1 Blabbermouth, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

Ludlow selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 SPRING LIFE is specially recommended. 1.15 Colonius. 1.45 Master H. 2.15 Mr Wrekin. 2.45 Charlie Mouse. 3.15 Proceed.

Haydock Park programme

12.45 HAYDOCK HURDLE (Div I: maidens: £374: 2m)

04002-p Duelling Light (S. Grainger), M. Tate, 5-11-5 ... R. R. Evans; 0 Mariners Goddess (Mrs J. Kirkpatrick), B. Cambidge, 6-11-5; 004004 Redcity (R. Brassey), Brassey, 5-11-5 ... J. T. Bourke; Arktos (Mrs F. Russell), J. Fitzgerald, 4-11-0 ... M. Lowry 7; 0 Catchgleeson (B. O'Brien), H. Morris, 4-11-0 ... P. Morris; 00-p0 Dad's Girl (F. Hamar), T. Corrie, 4-11-0 ... P. Russell; La Gingold (E. Courage), Courage, 4-11-0; Luca (Dr S. Cammon), J. Gibson, 4-11-0 ... M. Gibson; 00 Roman Child (B. Minty), J. Haine, 4-11-0 ... T. Stack

2-1 Mariners Goddess, 5-1 Duelling Light, 5-1 Dad's Girl, 15-2 Redcity, 8-1 Arktos, 10-1 La Gingold, 12-1 Catchgleeson, 20-1 others.

1.15 COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 2m)

3100-32 Wild Fox (D) (H. Joel), A. Turnell, 8-11-12 ... S. C. Knight 5; 01220-2 Casbah (Lord Leverhulme), G. Owen, 8-11-5 ... R. R. Evans; 001p-40 Brown Admiral (D) (H. Zeisel), F. Rimell, 6-10-13 ... J. Burke; 10 0- Most Handsome (J. Wilson), Wilson, 11-10-0 ... Mr A. Cassidy 7

5-4 Wild Fox, 2-1 Casbah, 4-1 Brown Admiral, 8-1 Most Handsome.

1.45 WEAVERHAM HURDLE (3-y-o: £680: 2m)

10 La Gallia (D) (F. Mumford-Smith), H. Rohan, 11-5 ... G. Griffin; 1 Manzoni (D) (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 11-5 ... W. Shoemark; 41303 Tingalary (D) (Mrs B. Hardacre), W. Clay, 11-5 ... N. Clay 5; 0 Crime Buster (J. Pickavance), S. Nesbitt, 11-0 ... K. McCauley; 0 Fair Saint (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 11-0 ... Mr C. Platts 7; 324 Kobe (C. Wright), D. Quartermaine, 11-0 ... L. Powell 7; 4 Le Gaulois (K. Tuer), Tuer, 11-0 ... D. Munro; Luigant (Mrs D. Green), Lady Herries, 11-0 ... P. Broderick; Spacer (T. Crowe), T. Corrie, 11-0 ... P. Russell; 0 Startown (A. Bray), R. Hollinshead, 11-0 ... G. Asthury; Windsor Light (J. Cassidy), D. McCain, 11-0 ... Mr A. Cassidy 7

7-4 Manzoni, 3-1 La Gallia, 11-2 Kobe, 8-1 Tingalary, 10-1 Crime Buster, Luigant, 14-1 Startown, 16-1 others.

2.15 SUNDEW STEEPLECHASE (£1,829: 3m)

1 11413f- Bula (D) (E. Edwards-Heathcote), F. Winter, 10-12-0 ... J. Francome; 0-34130 Red Rum (CD) (N. Le Mare), D. McCain, 10-12-0 ... T. Stack; 42p1- Kilvulgan (C) (H. Joel), A. Turnell, 8-11-9 ... A. Turnell; 22210-2 Royal Relief (E. Courage), Courage, 11-11-9 ... J. King

4-5 Bula, 3-1 Red Rum, 6-1 Royal Relief, 7-1 Kilvulgan.

2.45 CLUB HURDLE (Handicap: £374: 3m)

0u-1210 Birdcage Walk (T. Kersey), Kersey, 5-10-4 ... Mr G. Kersey 7; f-4f004 Lone Wolf (J. Turner), Turner, 11-10-4 ... Mr J. Paterson 7; 0-00120 Red Earl (H. Ford), J. Berry, 6-10-1 ... Mr H. Gow 7; u422p1 Hard Cash (J. Caddick), B. Cambidge, 6-10-0; 142320 Hanzon (D. O'Donnell), F. Rimell, 5-10-0 ... Mr S. Morshead 5; pp-0u Fred's Gift (Mrs F. Smith), Smith, 5-10-0 ... Mr M. Charles 7; 3fu3-p0 Tudor Court (S. Gordon), D. McCain, 5-10-0 ... Mr A. Cassidy 7; Our Illusion (C. Drew), Drew, 6-10-0; 0040 Seminole Chief (F. Howles), T. Yardley, 5-10-0 ... Mr T. Mackie 7

5-2 Red Earl, 100-30 Birdcage Walk, 5-1 Hard Cash, 7-1 Hanzon, 8-1 Lone Wolf, 10-1 Tudor Court, 25-1 others.

3.15 HAYDOCK MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: maidens: £374: 2m)

3000-12 Gay Viking (Mrs P. Lalley), M. Tate, 8-11-5 ... R. R. Evans; 00224-0 John Brown (Mrs D. Richards), D. Richards, 5-11-5 ... T. O'Neill; 000- Sea Urchin (J. Britton), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-5 ... T. Stack; 0000-30 Wayward Winifred (J. Gordon), G. Owen, 5-11-5 ... Mr J. Gordon 7; 00-0 Flora Go Lightly (Miss B. Sykes), T. Corrie, 5-11-0 ... P. Russell; 4040-4 Indubitably (D. Lennon), B. Wilkinson, 5-11-0 ... D. Atkins; u00-302 Karandala (Mr Hordle), F. Rimell, 4-11-0 ... J. Burke; Might Be (Mr H. Knott), J. Webber, 4-11-0 ... C. Webber; 00030-2 Oakley Cross (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 4-11-0 ... B. Fletcher; Vatican Express (F. Courage), Courage, 4-11-0; William Penn (J. Rubin), B. Thompson, 4-11-0 ... H. Lyons 7

5-1 Karandala, 9-2 Indubitably, 5-1 John Brown, 15-2 Oakley Cross, 8-1 Gay Viking, 9-1 Sea Urchin, 12-1 William Penn, 16-1 Wayward Winifred, 20-1 others.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 Redcity. 1.15 CASBAH is specially recommended. 1.45 Manzoni. 2.15 Bula. 2.45 Hanzon. 3.15 Karandala.

Plumpton results

1.15 (1.17) STANMER HURDLE (Handicap: £342: 2m)

Proson, b g, by Welsh Rake—Princess Palm (J. O'Donoghue), 6-10-8 ... P. Buller (9-2) 1
Bob Short, b g, by Double Red—Shortly (P. Allingham), 6-10-6 ... D. Speck (11-4 fav) 2
Molson, ch g, by Pampered King—Comachi (Mrs A. Elliott), 13-10-10 ... C. Bowen (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Gone For A Burton, 10-1 Love Set (4th), Magic Charm, Frere Jacques II, 16-1 Agilla, Talian, 20-1 Dardanelle, 25-1 Beaudalious, Rossula (p). 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 15p, 16p, 15p. J. O'Donoghue, at Reigate. 2l, 15l.

1.45 (1.55) BEACON STEEPLECHASE (£414: 2m)

Sycamore, gr h, by Roan Rocket—Pistacchio (Lady Rootes), 6-12-0 ... R. R. Evans (5-1 fav) 1
Camlingay, br f, by Rosyth—Pride and Joy (Miss M. Robins), 4-10-11 ... J. McNaught (33-1) 2
Bredgar, b g, by Space King—Red Ranee (Mrs E. Boucher), 5-11-9 ... B. R. Davies (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 Woodriggs (f), 9-1 Meave, 12-1 Invincible (p), 33-1 Great (4th), My Sunshine, Little Window, Gervic, Annes Lord (f). 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 14p, 58p, 15p. J. Gifford, at Findon. 8l, 8l.

2.15 (2.16) BALCOMBE HURDLE (Handicap: £690: 2½m)

Valuable Coin, b h, by Current Coin—Heather Lane (A. Whettam), 5-10-11 ... Mr A. Whettam (8-1) 1
Prince Reynard, gr g, by Whistling Wind — Venilla (T. Dingley), 5-10-1 ... Mr M. Reeves (10-1) 2
Parkhouse, ch m, by Spartan General—Loddon Park (Mrs M. Easton), 6-10-12 ... Mr J. Mead (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Go Perrys, 6-1 Oh Brother (4th), 15-2 Playful Warrior, 7-1 Silver Rondo (f), 8-1 King Gipsy (f), 16-1 Pauldenham, Royal Refuge, Young Dodham. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 85p; places, 28p, 27p, 25p. J. Old, at Ashmore. ½l, 20l.

2.45 (2.46) "GALLEANO" STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £690: 2m)

Wild Pirate, b g, by Pirate King—Wild Cora (Mrs A. Beeson), 8-10-0 ... J. Jenkins (7-2) 1
Trust Vulgan, b g, by Vulgan—Wayward Muse (Mrs L. Marler), 7-11-12 ... S. Jobar (6-1) 2
Tudor Risk, ch g, by Tudor Treasure—Security Risk (R. Hayward), 7-11-7 ... B. R. Davies (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Henry Tuffnut (f), 7-2 Flying Fred (pu), 25-1 Conned (4th). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 21p, 61p; forecast, £2.05. E. Beeson, at Newhaven. 13l, 20l.

3.15 (3.16) SCAYNES HILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £690: 3m)

Napoleon Brandy, br g, by Trombone—Wedding Brandy (D. Sloddart), 8-10-5 ... B. R. Davies (5-2 jt fav) 1
Arctic Amoroso, ch m, by Arctic Slave—Castillian Amoroso (Mrs E. Oliver), 8-11-5 ... R. R. Evans (5-2 jt fav) 2
Moon Trip, b g, by Blast—Holt's Orchid (A. Connell), 7-11-2 ... C. Saunders (100-30) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 Proud Tarquin (4th), 25-1 Gimlon (pu). 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 51p; forecast, 75p. D. Morley, at Bury St Edmunds. 1½l, 4l. Barmer did not run.

3.45 (3.49) NOVEMBER HURDLE (3-y-o: £342: 2m)

Do Daa, ch f, by Doudance—Palacio (P. Hannaford), 10-10 ... R. Rowell (10-1) 1
Red Colorado, ch c, by King's Leap—Otila (Mrs C. O'Shea), 10-10 ... J. Fox (6-1) 2
Riberone, b c, by Ribero—Tyrone Lass (C. Fleming), 10-10 ... B. R. Davies (10-11 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Princess Pirate, 12-1 Fratifell, 14-1 Glanfield (4th), St Gawain, 16-1 Turasco, 25-1 Deep Mystery, White Mink, 33-1 Chevin, Comedy Turn, McCabe, Pelt Dane. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.08; places, 21p, 35p, 14p. Miss A. Sinclair, at Lewes. 7l, 1½l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Valuable Coin and Napoleon Brandy, £14.85. TREBLE: Strannore, Wild Pirate, Do Daa, £249.35.

ACCEPTORS: Tingle Creek, Flashy Boy, Easby Abbey, St Swithin, Black Andrew, Dan'l Widden, Prize Crew.

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Motor rallying

Six Britons chase Finn to York finishing line

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent

Timo Makinen, of Finland, in a Ford Escort, was being chased by six British drivers as the Royal Automobile Club Rally of Great Britain went into its final stages last night. He held a two-minute lead over Roger Clark, with Russell Brookes close behind.

Stig Blomqvist, of Sweden, who had been Makinen's nearest challenger for most of the rally, was forced to retire yesterday afternoon. He broke a crankshaft in his Saab just after the Braithwaite stage in the Lake District.

The 10 leading drivers after 53 stages were: Makinen, 254min 52sec; Clark (Escort), 256.55; Brookes (Escort), 257.53; Fowkes (Escort), 258.32; Coleman (Escort), 261.30; Pond (Opel), 262.12; Sclater (Toyota), 262.49; Aaby (Escort), 262.55; Verini (Fiat), 265.23; Sparrow (Vauxhall), 266.05.

Heavy rain made conditions slippery as the rally continued yesterday up the west side of England and into the Lake District. Makinen, who is seeking his third successive win in the event, had two punctures going through the first Lake District stage, at Greystoke, and this allowed Blomqvist to creep up.

Clark, the main British hope, broke a shock absorber on the same stage and had to limp to the finish. But he was able to continue after lightning repairs and later moved into second place when news came through that Blomqvist's car had been taken off on a trailer.

With Clark followed by Brookes, Fowkes and Coleman, Escorts were taking the first five places. Pond and Sclater, two British drivers competing in foreign cars, again put in a series of consistent performances, but were unable to close up on the leaders. Verini needed only to hold ninth place to ensure that Fiat finished second behind Lancia in the manufacturers' world championship.

Last night the original field of 236 cars had been reduced to 132. The leading car is expected to cross the finishing line at York shortly before 10.0 this morning and the winner, who receives £1,000, should be declared by lunchtime.

Squash rackets

The Collins are doers as well as dreamers

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

A remarkable example of enterprise and energy will be celebrated at Thame Squash Club in Oxfordshire on Saturday evening when Qamar Zaman and Jonah Barrington, ranked first and seventh in the world, play a match that will be succeeded by a champagne buffet. This new five-court club, situated in a cattle market, arose from the initiative of Pamela and Roy Collins, formerly associated with the West Wycombe club. With their four children (who were successfully coping with O levels and A levels at the time), they lived on the spot in two caravans during the 18 months it took to build the club.

The first court was in use as soon as it was finished last May. Three courts were completed before players had the benefit of dressing rooms. One of the courts has a glass-backed wall and accommodation for 250 spectators. Some people are dreamers and others are doers. The Collins family obviously have both qualities.

The British amateur championship, to be sponsored by Pakistan International Airlines at Wembley from December 12 to 20, has a field of 160 players from 18 nations—an indication of the game's international expansion. A two-round qualifying competition will be played on December 9 and 10, reducing a draw of 128 to 32. The survivors will join 32 men granted direct access to the 64 strong draw for the championship.

The men who contested the last two finals, Zaman and Mohibullah Khan, are now professionals. The standard at the top has consequently declined. But the overall level of ability is so impressive that there should be admirable matches throughout the championship. Of the leading British amateurs, only Peter Verow and Ian Nuttall will be missing. They will be playing in Africa at the time.

The seedings predict the following quarter-final round: P. N. Ayton (GB) v D. Scott (South Africa); M. Saleem (Pakistan) v S. H. Courtney (GB); I. Holding (South Africa) v M. Donnelly (Australia); and A. Colburn (South Africa) v K. A. Shawcross (Australia).

Golf

Americans are favourites for World Cup

Bangkok, Nov 25.—American golfers John Miller and Lou Graham are the favourites to win the 1975 World Cup. But the defending champions, Bobby Cole and Dale Hayes, of South Africa, and the challengers from Japan, Taiwan, England, Canada, and the Philippines should give them a close run, golf experts said this week. The 72-hole tournament starts on December 4 on Thailand's new 6,950-yard, par 72 course.

Miller is the number two money winner on the United States professional circuit and Graham is the reigning United States open champion.

Miller replaced the leading money earner, Jack Nicklaus, who withdrew, saying he feared for his personal safety in Thailand. Nicklaus's statement drew strong reactions here.

Cole and Hayes won the cup in Venezuela last year. Cole also won the individual prize with a total of 271, five strokes ahead of Masashi Ozaki, of Japan, who is not competing this year. The local favourites are the Thais—pint-sized Sukree Onshum and Adul Thappavibul.

Japan are to be represented by Kosaku Shimada and Takashi Murakami. The English will have Maurice Bembridge and Guy Hunt while Taiwan will field the veteran World Cup player, Kuo Chie-Hsiung and Hsieh Min-Nan.

The Philippines will have Ben Arda and Eleuterio Nival, Canada will have Bob Panasiuk and Bill Tape. Forty-seven countries have confirmed their participation.

Cash prizes total about £4,000 and the International Golf Association and the host association pay other expenses. Team prizes are £1,000 for first place, £500 for second place, and £400 for third.

Individual leaders receive £500 as first prize, £250 for second and £200 for third. Professionals enter more for honour than cash prizes.

The Navatanee Course has numerous sand traps and water hazards on five holes. It favours long and straight hitters off the tee, like Miller. They will be using short irons for their second shots on the par four holes.

Most challenging of all the holes is the 585-yard, par five 18th. The drive is from an elevated tee, threatened by water on the left. Long hitters will try to hit a small green spot just before the water crossing on the fairway.

Snooker

Ten of world's best compete in new tournament

Ten of the world's best snooker players compete in a tournament carrying over £5,000 in prize money early in the new year at London's newest and more luxurious theatre.

Nine hundred people will be able to watch in comfort the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament at the New London Theatre from January 26 to 30, the final of which will be covered by television.

John Spencer, the title holder, is seeded to reach the final and on the way is expected to meet Belfast's Alex Higgins. Also competing is the world champion, Ray Reardon.

The winner will receive £2,000 with the runner-up earning £1,000. All competitors will receive prize money—the first round loser gaining £100—and there will be an award of £20 for any century breaks.

The draw is:

FIRST ROUND: Dennis Taylor (Blackburn) v John Pulman (Bromley); Fred Davis (Stourport) v Cliff Thorburn (Canada). QUARTER FINALS: Taylor or Pulman v Ray Reardon (Stoke); Rex Williams (Stourbridge) v Eddie Charlton (Australia); Alex Higgins (Belfast) v Graham Miles (Warley); John Spencer (Manchester) v Davis or Thorburn.

A special challenge match will also be held during the tournament. Ray Reardon and Alex Higgins playing two frames on January 30 for £500. Each frame will have a time limit of 20 minutes and the winner will be the player with the highest aggregate.

Palace change date

Crystal Palace have put back their third division home game against Gillingham from Boxing Day to Tuesday, December 30 (7.30).

Stuart goes to Ayr

Alex Stuart, 35-year-old manager of Montrose, has been appointed manager of Ayr United in succession to Alaistair Macleod, now in charge of Aberdeen.

Tennis

OSAKA: J. D. Newcombe (Australia) beat C. R. Drysdale (S Africa), 7—6, 7—5; S. R. Smith (US) beat R. Lutz (US), [illegible]; M. Lyes (US) bt Mrs G. E. Reid (Australia), [illegible].

Blood stock sales

Doyle pays 4,000 gns for Green God colt

The Dublin agent Jack Doyle was busy on the second day of Doncaster's November Sales yesterday. He outbid Northern trainer Jack Calvert at 4,000 guineas for a yearling colt by Green God. This youngster will race in the colours of the High-field club, a Birmingham-based group, and goes to Arthur Pitt at Epsom.

The chestnut colt comes from Rosameen, who did not win but was placed as a three-year-old. She is half sister to five winners, including Ardent Portion.

Doyle also paid 2,000 guineas for a chestnut colt by St Alphage from the consignment of Stanley Taylor-Dawson. This juvenile goes into training with John Sutcliffe.

His dam, Silver Bullion, is an unraced daughter of Silver Shark.

Calvert had better luck when securing a Be Friendly yearling for 2,300 guineas. This colt is related to the Cornwallis Stakes winner, Spaniard's Mount.

Frankie Durr, the jockey, sold a yearling filly for 820 guineas to Harry Blackshaw. During the day 124 horses changes hands for 57,160 guineas, an average of 461 guineas.

Ludlow

12.15 (12.43) BRIMFIELD HURDLE (Novices: Div I: £306: 2m 1f)

Falcons Boy, b c, by I. Kon—Sweet Chajolle (P. Arnold), 11-0 ... Mr J. Bowles (6-4 jt fav) 1
Queen's Court, ch c, by Queen's Hussar—Lords Lady (L. Simmonds), 11-0 ... N. Wakley (13-1) 2
March Hey, ch g, by Saint Crespin III—Lele (J. Wilding), 10-7 ... Mr R. Walling (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 jt fav The Maltings (4th), 7-2 Maremaes Blue, 12-1 Lopcalico, 14-1 The Young Lion, 25-1 Miss Torie, 33-1 Vim Tang. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 29p; places, 13p, 22p; dual forecast, £1.50. M. Salaman, Crickhowell. 15l, 3l.

1.15 (1.18) CULMINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £590: 2m)

Dad's Army, b g, by March Past—Orcadia II (Mrs J. Colston), 6-11-5 ... D. Cartwright (15-1) 1
Eastern American, b h, by Stupendous—Vasseen (F. Winard), 6-11-5 ... P. Morris (50-1) 2
Soul Music, b g, by Souvlaki—La Musica (A. Dunsbury), 6-11-5 ... J. Barlow (5-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-11 fav Clifton Fair (f), 15-2 Bills Bounty, 20-1 Silent [illegible], Jimmy Linnier (f), 33-1 Queen's Hand (f), 50-1 Carew Marine, Cavalino (f). 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.07; places, 21p, £2.51; dual forecast, £5.10. J. Colston, Worcester. 2½l, 15l. Pt of Light and Rough Carl did not run.

1.45 (1.46) KNIGHT, FRANK & RUTLEY HURDLE (Handicap: qualifier: £340: 2m 1f)

El Cardo, ch g, by El Ruedo—Devon Carol (J. Whitley), 6-10-12 ... P. Richards (13-2) 1
Corrib Road, br g, by Le Prince—Treasure (A. Arnold), 5-10-2 ... B. Ellison (11-2) 2
Streakland, br c, by Firestreak—Electronic (P. Brook), 4-10-2 ... P. Leach (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Airy Fairy, 11-4 Vale Royale (4th), 6-1 Dutch Penny, 10-1 Silver Glint, 33-1 Propinquity. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 19p, [illegible], 52p; dual forecast, 87p. Mrs L. Kennard, Taunton. Nk, 2l.

2.15 (2.16) CORVEDALE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £406: 2m)

Gay Kildare, br g, by Stephanotis—Gay Rosalind (Mrs A. Wood), 12-11-7 ... G. Thorner (13-8) 1
Cruiscin Lan, ch g, by Paddy's Birthday—Grace Beatha (H. Sporborg), 8-10-8 ... K. B. White (6-4 fav) 2
Cartwheel, ch m, by Escart III—Tourette (Major R. Dill), 6-10-2 ... A. Webber (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Tinter Doo (f), 5-1 Gay Gus (pu). 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 28p; forecast, 52p. T. Forster at Wantage. 2l, 10l.

2.45 (2.46) CLUN STEEPLECHASE (£653: 3m)

Golden Batman, b g, by Golden Surprise—Petuon (A. Barlow), 14-11-10 ... A. Turnell (1-3 fav) 1
Doctor Zhivago, b g, by Hard Ridden—Hill Queen (Mrs R. Woodman), 11-11-10 ... P. Barton (9-4) 2

TOTE: Win, 13p; forecast, 11p. A. Hartnell at Bideford. 2 ran. 15l.

3.15 (3.17) BRIMFIELD HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m 1f)

Nelvern, ch c, by Nelcius—Severn Bridge (J. Miller), 11-0 ... S. May (6-1) 1
Somersel, ch g, by Will Somers—Chanteuse (R. McGrath), 11-0 ... P. Lewis (11-10 fav) 2
Parlotto, b c, by Parlo—Elsase (G. Smith), 10-7 ... S. J. O'Neill (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: [illegible] Warwick First (4th), 16-1 Linnier, 25-1 Burneydon. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 75p; places, 21p, 10p; dual forecast, 55p. D. Ryan, at Kingsbridge. 6l, 4l.

TOTE DOUBLE: [illegible] and Golden Batman, £[illegible]. TREBLE: Dad's Army, Gay Kildare and Nelvern, £[illegible].

Wetherby

12.30 (12.31) LEEDS HURDLE (Div I: £345: 2m)

Siobara, b g, by Fleece—Pennas (Mrs J. Aspell), 5-11-4 ... R. Barry (4-1) 1
Kings Comet, br h, by Space King—L'Uliberto (K. Stringer), 5-12-0 ... N. Fintner (11-8 fav) 2
Spartan Sandal, b g, by Spartan General—Barslipper (G. Barlow), 5-11-0 ... Mr A. Eubink (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Admiral Wolf, 8-1 Buckminster, 12-1 Before the Mast, 14-1 Golden Pistol, 16-1 Blue Lake, 25-1 Blue Game [illegible], Curlew Abbey, 25-1 Rosina, 33-1 Albuera, Captured Carol II, Red Wolf. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 13p, 15p, [illegible]. W. Haigh, at Penrith. Nk, 12l.

1.0 (1.1) HARROGATE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £774: 3m)

Glenmorangie, ch g, by Peter Jones—Game Hide (A. Mactaggart), 7-10-0 ... K. Gray (7-2) 1
Bountiful Charles, b g, by Bountiful—Hillside (Lt-Col E. Lindley), 11-11-7 ... M. Lowry (5-4 fav) 2
Scout, b g, by Vulcan—[illegible], 9-10-0 ... Faulkner (10-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 27p; forecast, 51p. A. [illegible] at Hetherburn. 5 ran.

1.30 (1.30) SHEFFIELD HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2m 4f)

Fair Cop, b g, by Sing Sing—Last Winter (J. Pickavance), 5-10-11 ... K. McCauley (12-1) 1
Coffee Bob, ch g, by Espresso—Bohlocks (Miss C. Tanner), 4-10-2 ... S. Holland (10-1) 2
King's Savings, b g, by King's Lean—Savings (Mrs H. Vernon), 6-11-0 ... D. McAllister (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Possible, 9-2 Rhinio (pu), 7-1 Lok Yee, 10-1 Sebastapol (4th), 12-1 Arctic Rib and Crimson Clio, Noble Gesture (pu), 16-1 Misty Dream, 20-1 March of Time, Signorelli, Last Week-End, Persian Way (pu). 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.04; places, 34p, [illegible], 25p. S. Nesbitt, at Ripon. ½l, 1½l.

2.0 (2.1) RUFFORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

Canharis, br g, by Haris II—Canary's Last (Lord Zetland), 10-10-13 ... D. Atkins (7-2) 1
Nice Palm, ch m, by Royal Palm—Nacre (J. Wardle), 7-11-0 ... D. Greaves (6-1) 2
Prize Crew, b g, by Cash and Courage—Lima's Coning (J. Brice), 10-11-0 ... C. Tinkler (7-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Gun Do It (4th), 11-1 Lu 2, Polar Bear, 33-1 Vanguard. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 20p, 27p; dual forecast, £1.79. N. Crump at Middleham. 3½l, 1½l. Baltazar did not run.

2.30 (2.31) BARNSLEY STEEPLECHASE (£440: 2m)

Canastar, b g, by Canisbay—Super Star (J. Manners), 5-11-12 ... C. Tinkler (8-11 fav) 1
Fugal Deal, br g, by Straight Deal—Fugue Maid (Miss V. Steel), 6-12-7 ... D. Greaves (11-2) 2
Salmon Storm, ch m, by Salmon King—Reba (Capt P. Courage), 7-11-12 ... M. Barnes (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Tudor's Best (4th), 20-1 Freedom Song (pu), River Buck (f). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 13p, 20p; forecast, 27p. K. Oliver at Hawick. 6l, 30l.

3.0 (3.1) LEEDS HURDLE (Div II: £345: 2m)

Park Road, b g, by Road House II—Park Scene (Lady Barber), 5-11-4 ... J. James (5-1) 1
Hopeful Curtis, b h, by Flying Curtis—Hopeful Star (Mrs R. Newton), 5-11-4 ... Mr J. Newton (12-1) 2
French Warrior, b g, by French Beige—Warrior Queen (Mrs M. Fletcher), 5-11-4 ... G. Griffin (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Summerspring (4th), 7-1 Millhouse Boy, 10-1 Bills Boy, 16-1 Lirico, 20-1 The Parish Again, Early Morning, Harry Churchill, Lone Prince, Mister Solo, Mr Ten Per Cent, Roberts Joy, Jacinto (pu), Somane (pu). 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 43p; places, 10p, 27p. W. H. Wilkinson at Middleham. Nk, [illegible].

TOTE DOUBLE: Fair Cop and Canharis, £12.30. TREBLE: Glenmorangie, Canharis and Park Road, £30.20.

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Men eat too, so why aren't boys taught to cook?



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...m the Newport report on ...ation appeared in 1963 it ...gged many women largely ...use it passively accepted that ...t girls would spend their lives ...ning homes and having babies, ...er than earning their living or ...mpting a satisfying career. Some ...ught this realism, and welcomed ... suggestion that cookery and ...estic management should be ...en a larger place in the curricu... for non-academic children: ...ers, like myself, found the con... depressing and defeatist. I ...ched what was known as domestic ...ence at school, evaded it as much ...possible, and married unable to ... a potato. If I could pick up ...se skills when I had to, why ...uldn't others? Why waste ...uable school time on them?

...n the intervening years my ...itude changed slightly. It would ...fact have been very useful if ... had been taught to cook, to ...d fuses, to keep accounts and ...d statements. Those activities, ... so scorned, began to take on ... interest with necessity, and ...tentment died away into a mild ...thusiasm. And as most girls do ...deed end up running homes, why ... spend an hour or two a week ...arning how to do it properly? ...perhaps it was only the status of ...e activities that needed to be ...anged: perhaps it would be ...ssible to present them as serious ...d absorbing rather than as soft ...ious for duds.

My views have now come full ...cle, and a re-reading of Newsom ...enraged me even further. Here ...my conclusion. There is no need ... teach girls to cook and sew. In ...all, in the present state of society, ... boys who should be taught these ...ings. The familiar equation of the ...efts of woodwork or metalwork ...d cookery is complete nonsense. ...any liberal schools these days ...ate that they "encourage" girls ... do the former, even "permit" ...ys to do the latter (though I heard ...cently of a boys' school where it was suggested in school council that cookery should be introduced, to which the headmaster's response was simply "You must be joking"): but nobody seems to notice that woodwork is a highly irrelevant activity, whereas after all, we all eat.

The only time I have ever needed to know about woodwork in my adult life was when the legs came off the spare bed, but like most people, I eat several times a day. And men eat too. I no longer find it touching or amusing when men say they do not know how to boil an egg. I think it damn silly. Similarly with sewing on buttons. If a man, presented with garment, button, needle and thread, cannot work out how to combine them, he is unfitted for any form of higher education.

And yet the pressure of history is so strong that men cannot boil eggs, cannot sew on buttons, and do need to be taught these things. Let them be taught, then. Most of the boys I know are quite keen: my youngest passed his Home Help badge for cubs at the age of nine, which involved peeling and boiling a potato, frying an egg and a sausage, eating them, and washing up the debris, and he enjoyed it very much: these are skills, unlike his other passions for clay, soccer, carpentry, which will be of daily use. The Newsom report, with some sympathy, describes the daily tasks of many school girls, who rise early, cook breakfast for father and brothers, shop, baby-mind, make beds; but surely, surely the answer to the drab and tragic lives of these premature Mums is to educate their brothers, not to teach them to accept more willingly their unjust burdens.

A mother who allows her sons to grow up unaware of some of the most basic acts of survival is irresponsible, and is perpetuating the system against which most women, at times, bitterly complain. Newsom's assumption that girls need household skills, whereas boys are "usually excited" by science, is a reinforcement of a situation which education itself should change, rather than accept.

Newsom praises a boys' school which, "lacking the focus a housecraft department might provide for studies of the family, has introduced a series of discussions on personal relations . . .": discussions, indeed. What about eggs, buttons, and washing socks?

Times have changed since 1963, and in these liberated days some of the remarks would not get by: all the men I know can cook, some of them much better than I can, and I don't know a family in which girls are made to do housework while boys do homework. But then, I live in a liberated backwater and to many Newsom must still look progressive. Looking through the prospectus of cookery classes at my local evening institute, I noted with amusement that for all classes one had to bring along one's own ingredients, except for the one entitled "Mainly-for-Men Cookery": for this, all ingredients are provided by the tutor. Men may learn to cook, but of course they are far too busy (unlike most working wives) to do the shopping too.

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Katie Stewart

Pastry for the daring

Puff pastry is the most difficult of all the pastries to make but it's by far the most rewarding. No other pastry rises like it—because of the many layers of butter and dough built up by the rolls and folds given in the preparation. I am not going to suggest that anyone who is nervous about making pastry should make this one. It's a pastry for a cook who has mastered the simpler recipes and would like to try something more exciting. I would suggest that others use ready made frozen puff pastry.

Nobody knows more about making pastry than Peter Kromberg, who is the executive chef at the new Hotel Inter-Continental which dominates Hyde Park Corner in London. Peter Kromberg is acknowledged as a brilliant chef and his specialities for Le Soufflé, the hotel's restaurant, are much talked about. Peter agreed that puff pastry is tricky and he added that no one should be too discouraged if they fail to get it right the first time.

He said that butter was the most difficult fat to use because it softens so quickly. He suggested that a home cook should use a hard, waxy margarine that would make the pastry easier to handle. He stressed the importance of even rolling so that the pastry rises level, and resting the pastry in between rolls and folds so that the dough relaxes. A cool, steady surface to work, he said, was an absolute necessity. A marble slab is best for any pastry and with luck you could find an old wash stand top in good condition.

Otherwise use a wooden kitchen table top or a large pastry board, but avoid a Formica surface—you need a surface that will not take up the warmth of the kitchen.

Although the overall preparation time for puff pastry is considerable because the pastry has to be rested, the actual handling time is quite short. Here is a recipe to combine with other jobs.

To make the dough

Sift 8 oz strong plain flour with ½ level teaspoon cream of tartar (the latter I use in place of the traditional addition of lemon juice). Beat down 1 oz white cooking fat and rub into the flour until fine. Add a little under ¼ pint cold water (¼ pint less 1 tablespoon) and using a fork mix to a rough dough in the bowl. With floured fingers, draw in all the loose crumbs and turn out onto a working surface. Knead lightly to make a smooth dough, then place in a polythene bag and put in a cool place to rest for an hour, or longer.

Preparing the fat

For a standard "three-quarter" puff pastry take 5 oz of waxy margarine or butter. For a richer "full" puff pastry use 7 oz of fat, but it might be easier to use the smaller quantity for a first effort. The fat used should not be cold from the refrigerator. One of the basic principles in cookery is that two items will only combine together if they are of a similar consistency. Fat very hard from the refrigerator will not roll out evenly with a softer dough. Cut the butter or margarine off a block piece and place between two buttered papers, then with a rolling pin beat out gently to an oblong about ½ inch thick. Or, you can beat the fat down on a plate with a knife and shape into an oblong about ½ inch thick.

Enclosing the fat in the dough

Roll out the rested dough to a strip about one third of an inch thick—a common mistake is to roll the dough too thinly. Place the butter in the centre. The pastry strip should be about ½ inch wider than the butter on each side and long enough for you to fold the ends into the centre and enclose the butter completely. Seal sides by pressing gently with the rolling pin. Then give the dough a half turn to bring sealed sides to the top and bottom.

Rolling and folding

Start the rolling out by tapping the dough sharply with the rolling pin, working from the centre up to the top and down to the bottom edge to start it moving. Then roll out quickly and lightly until the strip is three times as long as it is wide.

Fold evenly into three, bottom third up over the centre and the top third down over both. Seal the sides by pressing gently with the pin and give the dough a half turn to bring the sealed sides to the top and bottom. Repeat the rolling and folding once more and the pastry has now had two rolls and folds. Place inside the polythene bag and rest in a cool place at least 30 minutes. Give the pastry another two rolls and folds (that is four in all) and rest as before. Finally give another two rolls and folds (that is six in all) then cover and rest in a cool place until ready to use.

A useful "trick of the trade" among pastry cooks is to impress the finger tips in the dough to indicate how many rolls and folds it has had. It's so easy to forget if you are doing other things in between. So after the first two rolls and folds mark the dough with two finger imprints, after the second mark with four imprints and when the pastry is finished it should show six finger imprints.

One of Peter Kromberg's specialities is a delicious eel soup which he serves in individual soup cups with a thin puff pastry crust completely enclosing the top. It's so obviously a good idea for a dinner party that I asked him about it. He suggested that anyone could use a soup of their own choice. For a dinner party something a little special, like a game soup. The method is to put the cold soup into individual soup cups—they would have to be oven proof, so choose something like the little fireproof Marmite pots. Roll some puff pastry out quite thinly and, using an empty Marmite pot for size, cut out circles of the pastry a little larger than the pot all round. Allow one for each serving.

Brush round outside rim of each soup pot with a little egg wash—lightly mixed egg with a little water—to make the pastry stick. Place a circle of pastry over each soup pot and press with the fingers all round to seal, so that the pastry completely covers the pot enclosing the soup.

Up to this stage you can prepare them in advance and they can now be placed in the refrigerator. When ready to serve, brush over the pastry tops with a little egg. Put them straight into a hot oven (450 deg F or Gas No 8) and allow them to bake for 15-20 minutes or until the pastry is crisp and brown and the soup perfectly heated through. You can tell if the soup is hot enough by feeling the base of the soup pots. Take them straight from the oven to the table.

The pastry top keeps the soup deliciously hot and Peter Kromberg suggests that you add a tablespoon of port to your soup, then when the pastry crust is broken the most appetizing aroma is released. You can if you like, make some of the pastry trimmings into little decorations which can be stuck to the pastry cover. His favourite is to make tiny balls of pastry and to shape them into a bunch of grapes, but don't make a decoration that is too heavy or it will drag the pastry inwards.

My own speciality are my vol-au-vent cases and at this time of year I make at least a dozen because they are very useful for dinner parties and will be especially handy over Christmas when there will be cooked turkey or chicken to use as a filling. Puff pastry freezes very well so I put mine prepared, but unbaked, in the freezer and I can take out as many as I require at a moments notice.

To make vol-au-vent cases

Roll out ½lb homemade or one (13 oz) packet of thawed frozen pastry to a thickness of about ¼ inch. Lightly flour a baking tray and slide the pastry on to it. Chill in the refrigerator so that the pastry firms up and makes the cutting of the circles easier.

Replace the chilled pastry on to the pastry board and using a floured 3 inch cutter, stamp out 12 circles. Using a palette knife to lift the circles (so they are not pulled out of shape) transfer six of them on to a flat tray. Prick them well with a fork and brush lightly with beaten egg.

Using a smaller 2 inch cutter, stamp out the centre of the remaining six circles. Lift these rings and *turn them over* on to the pastry circles. Press gently to seal. Freeze the prepared cases and the small centre circles uncovered until hard. Then pack in polythene freezer bags for storing.

To use, simply transfer as many cases as required, not forgetting a lid for each one, on to a plate and allow them to thaw for an hour in the refrigerator. Then place on a baking tray which has been held under the cold tap for a moment, so that it is quite wet. The steam from this moisture helps give the pastry a lift during baking. Place in the centre of a very hot oven (450deg F or Gas No 8) and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until well risen. Then lower the heat to hot (400 deg F or Gas No 6) and bake for a further 10 minutes until the cases are crisp. With a fork remove any soft pasty from the centre of each one and spoon in your filling. Allow about ¼ pint well seasoned white sauce with pieces of cooked chicken, ham, smoked haddock or prawns with a squeeze of lemon juice to sharpen the flavour. Top with the lids and they are ready to serve.

Puff pastry can be used to make very good savouries for a drinks party. The pastry is rich, but a little goes a long way. You could make the following fingers of anchovy in puff pastry ready for baking and then put them in the oven about 20 minutes before serving.

Anchovies in puff pastry

On a floured board roll ½lb homemade or one (7½ oz) packet of thawed frozen pastry to a rectangle about 8 inches wide and 14 inches long. Trim all the edges straight with a knife and then cut the pastry in half lengthwise to make two strips. Brush one strip with a little beaten egg and arrange the contents of a tin of anchovy fillets side by side down the strip.

Cover with the second strip of pastry and press the edges well together. Using a sharp knife cut across the strips to get 24 thin fingers of puff pastry with anchovy inside. Chill until ready to bake. Then brush the tops with egg and arrange the fingers of pastry on a wet baking tray. Place in the centre of a hot oven (425 deg F or Gas No 7) and bake for 15 minutes. Serve hot.

Peter Kromberg suggested that you could cut strips of pastry into small triangles and then roll them up to make tiny puff pastry croissants. Before shaping them you could sprinkle the pastry with grated Parmesan cheese, crabmeat or finely chopped ham and then bake them as above.

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BRITISH FUNDS

1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
95¾	89¾	Exch 6½% 1976	[illegible]		6.342	11.423
[illegible]	88	Treas 6½% 1976	96¾		6.725	11.363
101⅝	94¾	Treas 10½% 1976	99⅝		10.576	11.263
95¾	84¾	Treas 6½% 1977	[illegible]		6.562	10.305
95¾	51¾	Elec 3½% 1974-77	[illegible]		3.154	7.006
107½	95¾	Treas 11½% 1977	100¾		11.400	10.939
91⅝	78¾	Treas 4% 1972-77	91½		4.372	8.567
100⅛	96	Treas 10½% 1978	[illegible]		10.801	11.748
58¾	76	Exch 5% 1976-78	98¼		5.466	9.853
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. Yield	Red. Yield
[illegible]	73¾	Aust 5½% 76-78	83½		6.482	13.107
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust 5½% 77-80	79¾		7.236	13.220
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aust 5½% 81-82	65¾		8.167	13.259
109	84	Berlin 4½% Ass	93			
95	92	Chilean Mixed	95			
193	159	German 4½% 1930	191			
55	30	Peru 6% Ass	155			
74	61	Uruguay 3½%	70½			

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FOREIGN STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
44½	19¾	Bayer	£45				
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commerzbank	[illegible]				
480	200	Hoechst	450		16.5	3.7	21.0
547	202	Rolinco Subs	400				
599	210	Thyssen-Huette	295				
[illegible]	15½	Volkswagen	£17				

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
10⅝	6½	Brascan	[illegible]			4.9	4.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	BP Canada	[illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	Can Pac Ord	[illegible]		26.8	3.3	10.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exxon Corp	[illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hud Bay Oil	[illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	Int Nickel	[illegible]			3.8	11.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Trans Can P	[illegible]				
[illegible]	[illegible]	US Steel	[illegible]				

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

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BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

[illegible]

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A — B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	165	-1	14.0b	3.5	7.0
103	22	AB Electronic	59		6.3	10.7	11.6
48	36	AC Cars	42		1.4	3.2	16.2
111	43	AD Intl	106	+3	3.5	3.3	12.1
66	15	AGB Research	35		3.0	8.5	6.0
255	93	APV Hldgs	233		13.7	5.4	9.7
60	21	AVP Ind	37	-1	3.7	6.9	3.5
80	13	Aaronson Bros	31	-2	2.4	4.7	13.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Abrasives Int	16		2.2	13.4	3.5
122	40	Acrow	122		6.1	5.0	13.2
112	22½	Do A	107		6.1	5.7	11.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

C — E

[illegible]

F — H

[illegible]

I — L

[illegible]

M — N

[illegible]

O — S

[illegible]

T — Z

[illegible]

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
77	19	Bowring	74	-2	3.3	4.5	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brentnall Beard	35		4.7	4.9	11.1
166	33	Britannic	152	-2	10.8	7.1	..
164	39	Britannic	139	-2	10.4	7.5	..
189	68	Com Union	133	-3	7.7b	5.9	..
146	44	Eagle Star	131	-4	7.6	6.1	..
216	50	Equity & Law	186	-4	8.5	5.1	..
175	62	Gen Accident	169	-2	[illegible]	6.0	..
320	84½	Guardian Royal	197		6.4	[illegible]	18.2
296	48	Hafford Sheaf	293	h	9.6	3.3	13.8
252	78	Heath C. E.	292		6.2	3.3	13.0
188	40	Hogg Robinson	187		5.7b	2.9	15.1
143	30	Howden A.	134	-1	6.7b	4.8	..
180½	56½	Legal & Gen	141	-1	5.2	4.9	13.8
125	30	Leslie & Godwin	107	-1	6.9	5.3	..
142	48	London & Man	160	-1	11.4	6.7	14.3
206	83	Matthews W'son	171	-1	3.6	2.1	29.7
134	34½	Minet Hldgs	128	-4	14.8	6.2	..
254	81	Pearl	238		13.7	5.8	..
228	103	Phoenix	218		16.2	7.5	..
130	60	Prov Life 'A'	130		10.2	7.9	..
130	60	Do A Br	130		10.2	7.9	..
130	60	Do B	130		10.2	7.9	..
130	60	Do B Br	130		10.2	7.9	..
142½	60	Prudential	136	-2	7.8b	5.7	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	236		19.2	8.1	..
140	48	Do B	124		9.6	7.8	..
320	128½	Royal	312	-6	20.6b	6.6	..
276	93	Sedg. Forbes	262	-4	12.0b	4.6	20.3
121	27	Stenhouse	79		4.5	6.1	9.3
460	207½	Sun Alliance	443	-4	24.3	5.5	..
98	31	Sun Life	94	-2	7.9	4.1	..
186	78	Trade Indem'ty	147		10.1	6.9	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
123	47	Aberdeen Trst	122	-1	5.6	4.4	36.1
60	14½	Acorn Secs 'Cap'	58				
37	37	Do Inc	33		6.6	19.3	8.9
200	86	Alliance Trust	193	-2	8.1	4.2	33.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

[illegible]

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	82	Brit & Comm	160	+3	11.6	5.8	9.5
95	60	Fisher J.	80		3.6	4.3	4.2
220	103	Furness Withy	216		9.5	4.5	4.0
310	75	Hunting Gibson	140	+2	13.9a	9.9	4.5
12½	11	Jacobs J. I.	26½	-3½	..e..	..	4.5
62½	17	Ldn & O'seas Fr	39¾		5.0	12.6	1.4
225	37	Manch Liners	225		7.7	3.4	6.2
150	50	Ocean Trans	135	-2	9.3a	7.0	13.7
124	57	P & O 'Dfd'	112		8.1	7.2	..
128	58	Runciman W.	110	-9	9.2b	8.8	5.0

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
270	230	Amal Colls	460		[illegible]	3.0	..
[illegible]	245	Anglo Am Corp	374	-4	16.9	4.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
77	22	Metals Explor	36	+1	19.7	7.2	..

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59½	33½	Ampol Pet	60	+1	2.9	5.4	13.4
97	53	Attock	56		6.3e	11.2	9.3
105	36½	Berry Wiggins	56	-3	3.0a	5.3	12.1
380	66	Brit Borneo	128		7.9	6.2	16.0
398	121	BP	370	-19	26.5	4.7	4.1
498	27	Burmah Oil	[illegible]				
29	11½	C F Petroles	£21¼		102	4.8	2.5
108	32	Oil Exploration	57		2.5b	4.3	..
19¼	7	Premier Cons	8½				
36½	8	Ranger Oil	£13¼				
3¼	2¼	Reynolds Dv	3¼				
31	14½	Royal Dutch	£30		147	4.9	2.1
386	119	Shell	354		19.7	5.5	..
126½	13½	Tricentrol	45				12.8
240	66	Ultramar	236				4.6

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	24	Allied Ldn	37	-1	3.5	9.4	7.0
138	56	Allnatt Lon	113		4.9	3.5	34.7
84	13	Amal Inv	15½	-½			
111	38	Apex Props	103		2.5n	2.4	30.6
24	7	Aquis Secs	16	-½	0.3	4.7	89.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
43	25	Anglo-Indonesia	36		3.9	10.1	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
14	7	Sungei Krian	13		46.5	5.8	

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	50	Assam Frontier	93		11.0	11.8	
34	28	Assam Inv	46		4.6	10.0	
56	37	Camellia Inv	76		[illegible]	4.0	
55	30	Clairmace	47	-1	9.3	19.8	
32	12	Deundi	15		..	..	
220	150	Doolahat	150		5.0	3.8	
216	65	Jokai	115		11.0	9.3	
150	48	McLeod Russel	130	-10	9.0	6.9	
103	65	Moran	105		9.9	9.6	
32	29	Ouvah Highlds	29		2.2	7.6	
40¾	18½	Peacock Salim	27		4.2	15.6	
28	18	Sthn India	[illegible]				
15	14	Surmah Valley	15				
100	58	Warren Tea	[illegible]		9.1	12.6	
80	58	Williamson Hldgs	67		6.9	10.3	

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
12¼	5¾	Algoma Cen Rly	£10⅝	+¼	26.0	2.5	[illegible]
[illegible]	5	Antofagasta	[illegible]				
43	12	Calcutta Elec	25		9.0	36.0	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
417	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	253	-2	26.9	7.0	19.5
[illegible]	26	Sunderland Wtr	£33½		500	15.9	

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 25.11.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial share index	164.76	6.28	11.51	[illegible]
Largest Coys.	[illegible]	6.20	11.63	[illegible]
Smaller Coys.	[illegible]	6.98	10.94	[illegible]
Capital Goods	[illegible]	6.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	176.67	6.24	10.79	[illegible]
Store Shares	133.59	6.49	7.12	136.73
Largest financial shares	199.66	5.49	—	191.69
Largest financial and industrial shares	160.63	5.97	—	161.59
Commodity shares	219.16	4.21	12.16	216.73
Gold Mining shares	458.56	7.32	15.75	450.54
Industrial debenture stocks	77.38	8.01*	—	77.31
Industrial preference stocks	50.20	14.70*	—	50.40
3½% War Loan	23¾	14.71*	—	23¾

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	193.47 (15.08.72)	60.19 (12.12.74)
1975	[illegible]	[illegible]
1974	136.28 (05.03.74)	60.28 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	[illegible]
1972	193.47 (15.08.72)	[illegible]
1971	[illegible]	[illegible]
1970	145.78 (16.01.70)	116.75 (26.05.70)

* Flat interest yield
● Ex-dividend

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Mr Wilson tells Chrysler chief 'imperative you return for talks today'

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Mr John Riccardo, chairman of the Chrysler Corporation of America, is coming to London in answer to an urgent summons from the Price Minister, who yesterday told the Commons that his presence in Britain today was "imperative".

A short parliamentary statement by Mr Wilson, declaring that the Government was striving with might and main to save the whole operation", yesterday prompted considerable alarm among the 25,000 workers employed by Chrysler UK.

Thousands of employees at one of the Midlands plants are to be laid off at the end of this week for the whole of December. They know sales are falling and are uncertain about work in the new year.

It is understood that Chrysler UK's domestic market share for this month declined to around 5½ per cent, contrasting with about 12 per cent three years ago. Mr William Dewing, chairman of the Chrysler UK Dealer Association, said that showrooms in big city areas had been hit hardest by customer confusion about the future.

In the Commons, the Prime Minister said: "We have a very long way to go in the negotiations before anyone can hope to save any part of the Chrysler empire in view of the negotiations with which we have been presented. But we are striving with might and main to save the whole operation if it is possible—certainly to save Linwood, because of the very high level of unemployment there.

"There are very powerful difficulties in concentrating production on one area. That would not be the answer at all because it is a heavy loss-making sector of the motor car industry and suffers from the fact that we have not seen any new models for very many years.

"This is going to be a very costly operation. I regard it as imperative that Mr Riccardo returns to this country tomorrow to hear the views of the Government on these matters."

Mr Wilson's statement seems to indicate that the Government's embryonic rescue plan has centred on securing the future of the Linwood complex in Scotland, where a new model could be made but would require a huge injection of capital.

This would enable rationalization to take place in the Coventry area, but would safeguard £100m worth of exports, including the vital Iranian contract.

The future of sales to Iran is now crucial in the struggle to save Chrysler, as normal business needs to be maintained while a new models strategy, involving Chrysler (France), is worked out.

Talks are about to take place with the Iran National Industrial Manufacturing Company on order requirements in 1976. A Chrysler spokesman said yesterday: "We know we will not be exporting as many units to Iran next year as this year, but cannot give figures at this stage."

Iran National, which imports Chrysler cars in knock-down form for local assembly, has already cut its original 1975 requirement from 150,000 units to 120,000 units.

Workers at Chrysler's Stoke engine and transmission factory have been put on a three-day week until the end of the year because of a stockpile of 50,000 units waiting assembly in Iran, where the building of new facilities has been delayed.

In Whitehall last night there was a rigid clampdown on any guidance as to the reasons why Mr Wilson regarded Mr Riccardo's presence today as imperative.

Mr Bob Morris, Transport and General Workers' Union convener at Coventry, was last night interpreting the Prime Minister's remarks as giving priority to Linwood, and this, he said, was the greatest fear of the Midlands workers. He said Mr Wilson's statement promised a very bleak future for Coventry.

Motor industry sources believe that any run down in Chrysler's Midlands workforce would form part of a general government strategy for reducing labour throughout the British car industry.

A Central Policy Review Staff report, due to be published shortly and now in the industry's hands, apparently recommends a reduction by about 10 per cent of the total motor work force by the mid-1980s. About 250,000 jobs would have to go.

Officials hopeful of settlement

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Nov 25

There are high hopes among Chrysler officials that the latest round of talks with the British Government will bring a final agreement. But they refuse to comment on any aspect beyond saying that negotiations have reached "a most sensitive and delicate stage".

Government officials may place heavy pressure on the Chrysler leaders, particularly now it is clear that the company believes it will be able to announce an overall operating profit for the current quarter after a year of losses.

A company spokesman stated: "Even taking into account continued losses in our United Kingdom operations, we'll be in the black in the fourth quarter".

The long-hoped-for recovery in the United States market, which is vital for Chrysler's own financial recovery and which could provide a cushion to absorb temporary losses abroad, now appears to be more certain than ever.

The success of Chrysler and its rivals in recent weeks is bound to be a point stressed by the British officials in the new round of talks.

While the new small Chrysler car scheduled to be introduced late in 1977 may be designed along similar lines to the small Simca 1308, it "will be entirely produced in the United States", an official said. This rules out the chance that some major parts for this car will be manufactured at Chrysler's British plants.

Mr Leonard Woodcock, head of the United Auto Workers Union, said that Volkswagen had shelved plans to go ahead with some type of joint venture with Chrysler. It is believed that Mr Woodcock's information comes from West German union officials, who would be in a position to know what is happening because they are members of VW's supervisory board of directors.

A spokesman for Volkswagen of America said that no decision had been taken and that the supervisory board of the company in Wolfsburg, West Germany, recently decided to go ahead with investigations into the completion of either a joint venture with Chrysler or American Motors, or the development by the company on its own of an American assembly plant.

Complaints of Simca 'push' in Belgium

From David Cross
Liège, Nov 25

After 20 years of selling Rootes and then British-made Chrysler cars, M Maurice Laruelle, a Belgian garage-owner, from Flemalle-Haute, near here, is giving up his Chrysler UK dealership at the end of the year.

Two of his colleagues, M Richard Desogne and M Luc Mathieu, from the nearby towns of Amay and Longlier, have already given up their Chrysler UK franchises to sell Fiat and Peugeot cars.

All three maintain they have been subjected to strong pressures from Chrysler Belgium to sell more French-made Chrysler Simcas and fewer British-manufactured Chrysler cars, like the Avenger.

They claim that under Chrysler's rationalization scheme outlets will remain for sales of British-made Chrysler cars in the future.

This is because all Chrysler Belgium dealers, who have had to accept a dual franchise covering both British and French made Chryslers, are being forced to sell roughly seven Simcas for every British-built car.

This is the proportion of sales of these makes sold in Belgium

M Desogne said today that when he sold 12 British-built cars and only three Simcas, he was strongly criticized by Chrysler Belgium for not having been more successful in pushing Simca sales.

M Laruelle has tried unsuccessfully to keep his Chrysler UK dealership. Just over a year ago, in common with other Belgian dealers, he was asked to sign a contract agreeing to become a joint agent for Simca and Chrysler UK cars.

He agreed provided he remained free to sell as many Chrysler UK cars as he wanted. This amendment was duly written into his contract, but later rejected by Chrysler Belgium.

"I was told I must sell seven Simcas for every British-made car", he said. "But why should I have to sell something that I don't like?"

A couple of months later he was told by Chrysler Belgium that his dealership would be terminated at the end of this year.

M Laruelle has since experienced long delays in the deliveries of British-made Chrysler cars although he is sure that models for shipment to Belgium are available in Britain. His showroom has been empty since May, when supplies of British-built cars dried up.

Recently he telephoned the export department of Chrysler UK in Coventry and was told that Chrysler France was holding up payment for cars exported to Belgium.

"Clearly Chrysler France are being as unhelpful as possible to boost sales of Simca models and suppress imports of British-made cars into Belgium", he said.

He also claims that a Chrysler UK representative from Coventry promised to come to Belgium to look into his complaints and those of his colleagues. But this visit was subsequently cancelled without explanation.

Decision this week on Monopolies reference over Furness Withy

By Malcolm Brown

A reference to the Monopolies and Mergers' Commission of the affairs of Furness Withy, the British shipping company, and Eurocanadian Shipholdings, a Bermuda-based investment company, is being seriously considered by the Government.

An announcement will be made by Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Affairs, later this week.

The Government is known to have been sufficiently concerned by the build-up of the Eurocanadian Holdings stake in Furness and Manchester Liners, its subsidiary, to have examined the Industry Act provisions covering change of control of companies to non-residents of the United Kingdom.

But these provisions, which allow the Government to prohibit such moves, are thought to be inappropriate since they cover only manufacturing undertakings.

The Monopolies and Mergers examination, if it took place, would be the first to be conducted by Mr John Le Quesne, who takes over the chairmanship of the Commission from Sir Ashton Roskill shortly.

Our Financial Staff writes: If a Monopolies investigation is ordered it will be the result of a complicated situation which has been brewing for many months and is centred on Furness Withy's two-thirds-owned subsidiary, Manchester Liners, a containership operator on the North Atlantic.

Eurocanadian, controlled by Mr Frank Narby, a Canadian who is resident in Switzerland, is part of the Intercast group, and has a container operation also on the North Atlantic run.

While Eurocanadian has earned good profits—post-tax earnings for the three years to 1975-76 are put at an annual average of Can $10-12m—it operates from a small asset base largely represented by its investment in actual containers.

It owns no ships, hence its interest in acquiring Manchester Liners, or at least coming to some arrangement which would give it management control of Manchester Liners and enable it to operate offshore.

Furness, despite the fact that Eurocanadian first bought some 37 per cent of the Manchester Liners' equity and then followed this by acquiring a near 30 per cent stake in Furness itself, has rejected all overtures from Eurocanadian.

Instead, Furness pointed the situation out to the Office of Fair Trading which two weeks ago sent its recommendations to Mrs Williams and other ministers who would be involved.

Neither Furness nor Eurocanadian would really welcome a Monopolies investigation because of the long delay involved. Furness would then have to live with an unresolved situation for many months, while Eurocanadian, despite powerful backers including a Crown corporation, Canadian National Railways, which recently took an 18 per cent shareholding in it, would have to face the problem of financing an investment in Furness and Manchester Liners which totals some £21.5m.

IPC scraps merger opposed by workers

By Desmond Quigley

Workers' opposition has forced the International Publishing Corporation, part of Reed International, to abandon plans to merge its gravure printing plant with the British Printing Corporation's similar plant at Watford, IPC said yesterday.

Because of declining demand for gravure printing the two groups had proposed to merge the two plants, which are separated by less than three miles, under a new jointly-owned company.

However, IPC has now pulled out of the proposed merger because of the strong opposition from shopfloor workers at Odhams, although most of the trade unions at national level had apparently backed the scheme.

Mr Les Carpenter, chairman and chief executive of IPC, said last night: "Unless we got agreement and cooperation it was never on".

The plan envisaged a gradual move to the Sun plant over a period of three years and, if carried out in the face of the workers' opposition, would have resulted in chaos.

He said the problem was one of "very entrenched attitudes" coupled with the refusal to accept the need for the closure of Odhams. "We underestimated the feeling they had that in a merged situation there would have been a loss of identity".

There were no plans to close the Odhams site, Mr Carpenter said, but there were bound to be some redundancies—perhaps some 180 to 200—among the staff of 2,200.

There are also likely to be redundancies at the Sun plant as well which lost £500,000 in the first six months of the year, although BPC would make no comment on this point last night.

£25m loan for Bowmaker

By Our Banking Correspondent

Bowmaker, the finance house subsidiary of C. T. Bowring, has arranged to borrow £25m through an acceptance credit facility which will enable it to refinance yet more of its short-term borrowings.

The one year facility follows earlier loans to Bowmaker totalling £25m, which have enabled it to cut back progressively the support funds it had earlier received from the "lifeboat committee" of the clearing banks and the Bank of England.

At one point this support had reached £90m, but Bowmaker is planning to make a final repayment of £3m on Friday, which will serve to pay off the "lifeboat" committee" in full

The repayment of the "lifeboat" funds and the return to profit by Bowmaker has clearly been a factor behind the company's ability to raise such a large acceptance credit facility. Its effect will be to enable Bowmaker to lengthen the overall maturity of its borrowings, and it is likely to help it further to raise funds for longer maturity in the money markets.

Mr G. A. Cooke, the chief executive, said yesterday that Bowmaker had already been experiencing an increased willingness among depositors to extend the period of their deposits.

The facility was managed by Schroders and Singer & Friedlander, the accepting house subsidiary of Bowring, together with Kleinwort Benson.

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Ranger oil agrees to state share

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

The Canadian-owned Ranger Oil Co, a major partner in the development of the Ninian North Sea oilfield, has become the eighth company to agree to the principle of majority state participation in its offshore operations.

In addition the Department of Energy has areed to guarantee interim bank advances to Ranger to a maximum of $20m (£10m) plus interest until the spring of next year, when the company expects to arrange long-term finance for the Ninian development.

Ranger holds a 20 per cent interest in the southern part of the Ninian field in partnership with British Petroleum and London and Scottish Marine Oil and the Scottish Canadian Oil and Transportation Company, all of whom have agreed in principle to state participation.

The interim agreement on guarantees, announced yesterday by Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, gives the company valuable time in which to conclude its participation agreement and fix the long term financing deal. Ranger said yesterday it had been assured by the Government that 51 per cent ownership of its shares in the Ninian field by the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) would be on the basis of "no loss, no gain".

Participation talks had been in progress for some time and Ranger had accepted the principle of state participation some time ago, although it was not publicly announced. A final agreement is expected early in the New Year.

Once this is signed, Ranger can then fix its long-term financing for only 49 per cent of its share of the development, with BNOC raising the remaining 51 per cent.

Inspectors advise IHA to tighten procedures

By Our Financial Staff

The Issuing Houses Association, whose members include most of the City's merchant banks, has been advised to tighten up its procedures. The advice is given in the Department of Trade report on the collapsed dress manufacturer, Blanes, published yesterday.

It is unusual for inspectors to comment in quite so direct a fashion on the wider issues of their investigations. At the end of the report one of two issued on Blanes yesterday, the inspectors, Mr D. A. L. Smout and Mr B. E. Basden suggest "a code of practice could with advantage be considered by issuing houses, with a view to setting out, as may be appropriate, rules or standards relating to public issues".

The investigation, started in 1971, showed that there was a "special arrangement" made before Blanes went public in 1963. Under this the group's family director could sell further shares to Investment Registry, the issuing house, without informing shareholders.

The inspectors recommend that safeguards preventing such abuses be instituted. At present the major rule governing members of the IHA is that it should not interfere with the way members conduct their businesses so long as they obey the City Takeover Code and satisfy Stock Exchange requirements.

The inspectors also recommend that guidelines regarding participation of professional advisers in public offers be clarified. This follows their findings that the passing of the family shares to the senior partners of the chartered accountancy firm, Nyman Libson, and solicitors, Howard Kennedy & Rossi, the day after the public offer, was "in wanton disregard of the terms of the prospectus".

In the two simultaneous reports the inspectors say that Mr Frank Russell, the former chairman, "contributed in substantial measure" to the boardroom disputes.

In the second report, dealing with Bernard Russell, a Blanes subsidiary, Mr Arnold Richmond, managing director, is accused of fraud in falsifying stock figures in 1969 to create an artificial profit of £17,000.

The report refers to other false entries for tax evasion purposes, and the largescale selling of shares by Mr Harry Bernard, Mr Bernard Lever and Mr Edward Lever, without the knowledge of other directors.

The firm of Somers, Baker and Partners, who shared the joint auditorship of Bernard Russell with Nyman Libson, "failed to carry out their duties as joint auditors throughout the company's history", the inspector said.

No legal action is being taken over any of the findings of the inspectors' reports.

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Jobless at post-war peak

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continues even at recent levels the total would be carried over the 1.5 million mark before the end of 1976.

But Government ministers will no doubt take comfort from the way that school leavers still seem to be absorbed by the labour market, and tentative signs that the Chancellor's recent employment measures may be having some success in containing the growth in the jobless total.

Indeed, some 25,000 school leavers are shown to have left the unemployment register last month, leaving 40,000 still registered. This compares with 58,000 registered in August and a total of half a million summer school leavers.

As a result the crude unemployment figure for Britain, before seasonal adjustment and including school leavers and adult students, showed a rise last month of only 5,900. On this less refined measure, the jobless total stood at 1,120,000. In Northern Ireland there was 2,000 fall to 48,800.

Another glimmer of hope may also lie in the response that is being experienced to the temporary employment subsidy. The Department of Employment said yesterday that up to last Friday 89 applications involving 10,063 workers had been received.

About 67 had been approved, affecting 7,435 workers. This scheme, which was introduced in August, is said to be causing tremendous interest and a high degree of "take up".

Under the scheme a grant is made to subsidize, at £10 a week, the employment of workers who might otherwise be made redundant in companies with good long-term prospects where skilled labour will be needed when the world economic recession ends.

It is estimated that 60,000 workers may eventually be covered by the scheme, which forms part of the Government's £175m package of measures to limit unemployment.

But with Britain certain this year to suffer the largest drop in the level of its output of goods and services for 44 years, further sharp increases in unemployment seem unavoidable.

Leyland bus and truck plants hit by walk out

By R. W. Shakespeare
Northern Industrial Correspondent

British Leyland has run into labour problems at its five bus and truck plants in Lancashire, where 300 foremen have walked out over what they claim is a wrong interpretation of the Government's £6 a week pay rise policy.

The foremen, who belong to the Association of Scientific and Managerial Staffs, claim that the company's decision that a new pay deal, which came into effect on November 1, cannot be back dated to mid-September means that they are each losing £36—the maximum £6 a week increase for six weeks.

Last night a spokesman for the bus and truck plants said that production was being maintained "as efficiently as possible".

At Cowley, after the weekend's warnings of a possible shutdown of car assembly lines unless output levels were improved, an uneasy peace was being preserved yesterday.

Management and shop floor representatives seem to be anxious to avoid any sort of provocative action.

Yarrow figures delayed by terms for cancelled ships

By Our Financial Staff

Preliminary profit figures and the annual accounts of Yarrow, whose shipbuilding subsidiary is on the Government's nationalization list, have been delayed. This is because compensation terms for the cancellation of contracts for five Type 21 frigates for the Royal Navy, though not yet completed, are advanced enough for the company to expect a satisfactory outcome soon.

Yarrow is also seeking permission from the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Trade for its shipbuilding subsidiary to pay a dividend with distributions here circumscribed by earlier government grants.

The Type 21 frigate order has had a chequered history, first running into trouble over two years ago when Yarrow announced delays caused by lack of technical information from the authorities. Discussions about settling the contracts have gone on for more than a year.

However, there is better news about the Type 22 frigates. Contracts for the building of two ships for the Royal Navy are in progress and there are high hopes of a major export order.

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Mr Murray calls for selective import controls

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, yesterday called for import controls to save and restore jobs.

"The unions are not asking for the British Isles to be encircled by some sort of Berlin Wall, with nothing coming in except through some rigorously controlled checkpoint Charlie", he said. But they could not ignore the latest unemployment figures, particularly the heavy loss of jobs in industries competing against a high level of manufactured imports.

Mr Murray, who was speaking at a World Traders' Club luncheon in London, said: "To save jobs and restore jobs in these industries, and to give these industries a base from which to revive as world trade revives, the TUC is looking for import controls. Not across the board but highly selective, and not as a permanent feature of life but temporarily."

He went on to say that he believed "that all the industrialized countries would rather see a Britain that is economically strong, financially sound, and fully at work, than a Britain weakened by burdens it cannot bear and by anxiety about growing unemployment.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

The following are the monthly figures for Great Britain released by the Department of Employment yesterday.

	Unemployed Total unadjusted '000s	Unemployed Seasonally adjusted '000s	Unemployed Seasonally adjusted %	Adult vacs seasonally adjusted '000s
1975 Dec	486	480	2.1	359
1974 Jan	606	538	2.4	305
Feb	599	552	2.4	279
March	580	547	2.4	275
April	647	546	2.4	298
May	535	548	2.4	315
June	516	562	2.5	319
July	567	577	2.5	317
Aug	656	597	2.6	301
Sept	647	603	2.7	301
Oct	613	607	2.7	294
Nov	621	613	2.7	273
Dec	†	†	†	†
1975 Jan	742	678	3.0	†
Feb	757	705	3.1	192‡
March	768	722	3.2	186
April	900	760	3.3	173
May	813	817	3.6	156
June	831	884	3.8	141
July	1,036	938	4.1	129
Aug	1,195	987	4.2	134
Sept	1,194	997	4.4	135
Oct	1,114	1,043	4.6	124
Nov	1,120	1,079	4.7	115

† Including school leavers and adult students.
‡ Figures not available.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 154.76 −0.58
The FT index: 373.1 −1.1

Rises

Ass News	9p to 100p	Joseph L.	15p to 230p
Bk of NSW	15p to 685p	Linread	4p to 39p
Broken Hill	20p to 695p	Marryat Grp	5p to 23p
Cowie T.	3p to 31p	Peko Wallsend	10p to 455p
Courtaulds	2p to 145p	Philips-Pats	2p to 8p
GEC	1p to 141p	Plessey	1p to 78p
Jacks W.	1p to 14p	Rea Bros	5p to 65p

Falls

Brit Am Tob	3p to 327p	Land Secs	5p to 175p
BP	18p to 570p	Lipton L.	2p to 26p
Costain R.	6p to 226p	MEPC	5p to 62p
Duple Int	1p to 44p	Royal	6p to 312p
Fisons	3p to 380p	Robb Caledon	3p to 40p
Fodens	2p to 22p	Runciman W.	9p to 119p
Lloyds Bk	2p to 236p	Smith W. H.	5p to 390p

Gilt-edged securities saw two-way trade.

Equities were dull, with the institutions absent from the market.

Sterling lost 5 pts to $2.0375. The "effective devaluation" rate was 29.8 per cent.

Gold gained $1 an ounce to 5141.50.

SDR-$ was 1.17632 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.577023.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1132.4 (previous 1126.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	38.75	36.75
Belgium Fr	84.00	81.00
Canada $	2.11	2.06
Denmark Kr	12.65	12.25
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	80.00	75.00
Hongkong $	10.55	10.15
Italy Lr	1560.00	1505.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.50	11.15
Portugal Esc	75.00	65.00
S Africa Rd	1.80	1.67
Spain Pes	125.50	119.75
Sweden Kr	9.15	8.85
Switzerland Fr	5.55	5.35
US $	2.08	2.03
Yugoslavia Dnr	42.50	39.00

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U.S. bull market in 1976?

Merrill Lynch invite investors to a forum on U.S. growth stocks 2nd December

at 6·00 p.m. Time & Life Building, 153 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9PA.

We'll analyse the declining rate of inflation and the prospect of falling interest rates in the U.S. We'll explain what we believe to be a new bull market. And we'll set these grounds for optimism against grounds for current uncertainty like rising commodity prices, low consumer confidence, growth in debt at all levels and unprecedented federal deficits.



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UK share of world car trade falls by 17.4 pc

The dramatic decline in the British motor industry's share of the world car trade is highlighted today in figures released by the Cologne Institute of the German Economy.

In a series of comparisons of export performance last made with overseas sales in 1960, the institute shows that the United Kingdom's share of total world car exports has dropped from 25.2 per cent to only 7.8 per cent in the first six months of 1975.

The only other country which has experienced a drop is West Germany, which in 1960 accounted for over a third of export but now is responsible for only a sixth. Germany has been overtaken by Japan as the number one car exporter.

The German performance is perhaps understandable, since its average hourly wage rate of £3.52 is the highest of any major producer. The United Kingdom, on the other hand, has an average hourly rate of only £1.76, the West German Motor Manufacturers Association estimates. Only Japan is thought to pay lower wages.

The world share of the car export market for the first half of 1975 according to the association is:

	Half year 1975	Whole year 1960
Japan	25.3 pc	1.3 pc
France	21.6 pc	19.6 pc
US	20.1 pc	12.1 pc
W Germany	17.0 pc	34.6 pc
Italy	8.3 pc	7.2 pc
Britain	7.8 pc	25.2 pc

Japan may alter rules for tests on foreign cars

Tokyo, Nov 25.—Japan's Foreign Ministry said today the Government was carefully studying an EEC proposal for changes in Japan's vehicle testing procedures.

The ministry said the EEC Commission had complained that complicated vehicle inspection systems and exhaust control standards kept foreign vehicles out of the Japanese market.

Japan was expected to reply at the regular Japan-EEC consultations in Brussels on December 11 and 12.

Government sources said the reply was expected to be similar to that made to Britain recently, which resulted in a basic agreement that Japan would station official car inspectors at the Japanese embassy in Geneva to issue certificates for cars that have passed Japanese safety and emission standards.

Honda denies move to rescue Leyland's ailing Italian plant

From John Earle
Rome, Nov 25

Discussions took place here today between the Italian government, trade unions and management of Leyland Innocenti about the company's possibility of survival amid reports of a rescue offer by Honda of Japan.

Since July the company, a subsidiary of British Leyland assembling Minis in Milan, has been seeking government and union agreement to its insistence that it must dismiss 1,500 of its 4,500 labour force if it is to continue manufacturing in Italy.

A special shareholders meeting has been convened tomorrow to decide whether to proceed with the dismissals, shut down, or accept any other solution.

No authoritative comment was available on Italian press reports that Honda had come forward with an offer which, even if it did not represent a 100 per cent takeover, would provide a substantial injection of capital.

In Tokyo, however, a Honda spokesman denied that the company had made approaches to take over the Innocenti plant, and in London British Leyland said no approach had been made by Honda.

The Innocenti plant has considerable surplus capacity because British Leyland wishes to slim output to 40,000 vehicles a year against a possible level of 100,000.

Reports circulating here suggest that Honda would like to use this surplus capacity for assembling its smaller models which would then be exported from this bridgehead throughout the EEC. In exchange, it is stated, Honda would be prepared to make concessions on its exports of heavier motor cycles in Italy.

Mr David Andrews, managing director of Leyland International, is in Rome to assist Mr Percy Plant, Leyland Innocenti chairman, at the talks which are being conducted by Signor Mario Toros, the Minister of Labour.

An agreed solution providing for the survival of the Innocenti plant still seemed far off tonight when, after detailed separate talks between Signor Toros and the trade unions, union representatives rejected the entry of Japanese capital. Any Japanese intervention was, in the words of a union representative, "not credible and as such not acceptable".

Knitting jobs loss blamed on imports

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Responsibility for the loss of most of the 11,000 jobs in the knitting sector of the United Kingdom textile industry this year lay with the Government, it was alleged yesterday by Mr G. Reid Herrick, in his annual presidential report to members of the Knitting Industries Federation in Nottingham.

He claimed knitwear imports had reached intolerable levels in some areas as a result of government inactivity, but said there was an opportunity to restore some of its earlier failings by strict control over the quota levels applied for next year.

Mr Peter Short, the Trade Secretary, is to make a statement next week on selective import controls. These are expected to cover only footwear, textiles and television tubes.

Despite the inroads made by Far Eastern exporters of knitted goods, particularly South Korea, Hongkong and Taiwan, the prospect of a significant easing of the worst effects was now in sight, Mr Reid Herrick said. A temporary introduction of the "much talked about" would achieve the objective in selective import cuts, he added, the short term.

Employers' warning: The Knitting Industries' Federation yesterday told the unions that demands to make them improve an offer of a 10 per cent increase on gross wages would mean more redundancies and damage to the industry.

German unions fear more unemployment

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Nov 25

West German trade union leaders today expressed grave doubts as to whether the Government's present economic policy would be sufficient to eliminate large-scale unemployment in the coming years.

With unemployment expected to average around a million both this year and next, Herr Heinz Oskar Vetter, the head of the German Trade Union Federation, and Herr Eugen Loderer, of the powerful engineering union, I. G. Metall called on Bonn for a more active structural policy in the economy.

Herr Loderer in particular pointed to areas of structural weakness in the electrical and motor industries and forecast that problems could arise in shipbuilding.

Speaking at a meeting of the Concerted Action Committee, which brings the unions together with the Government, federal bank and employers, Herr Loderer was frankly sceptical on the chances of these difficulties being solved by global measures.

He revived the union demand for a government authority to which corporate investment plans would be reported to give greater clarification on business investment intentions.

The union side also disputed the economics ministry's thesis that the key to increased business investment, and therefore reduced unemployment, was a rise in profits at the expense of wages.

Surplus down: West Germany's current account balance of payments surplus fell to DM6,600m (nearly £1,243m) in the first 10 months of this year, or to just over a third of the DM18,000m surplus achieved in the same period of 1974, according to provisional federal bank figures.

Pay 'lagging behind' for chartered engineers

By Derek Harris

Britain's 250,000 chartered engineers, whose salaries range between £2,910 and £7,010 a year, are falling "alarmingly" behind in the salary race, according to a survey* published yesterday.

The real value of their income has dropped more than 7 per cent in the median range in less than two years. Some older engineers are worse off than they were nine years ago, is one conclusion of the survey by the Council of Engineering Institutions.

Mr Brian Hildrew, technical director of Lloyd's Register and chairman of the committee running the survey, said that a serious development was the declining percentage of engineers in research and development and in design.

Fewer than 27 per cent of engineers were now in this type of work compared with more than 30 per cent in 1966.

This fact and the income levels for such jobs—a median of less than £4,000 a year—were, the survey concluded, "a positive warning of decline in the long term viability of the engineering industry in the United Kingdom".

The survey, based on questionnaires completed by 37,000 engineers—a fifth of the membership of CEI's 15 constituent organizations—monitored salary growth up to last April. But it was believed that inflation had cancelled out salary increases that had come through since then.

In the past two years before April, income had increased by between 20 and 35 per cent but, adjusted according to the retail price index, even entrants to the profession had slid back to 1973 salary values. Those over the age of 40 were at or well below 1966 levels.

Mr Hildrew said he feared a new brain drain of engineers going to better paid work abroad. Professor John Coales, chairman of CEI, joined him in expressing anxiety at the number and quality of young people coming into the profession—available educational places were not all being filled.

Adjusted figures for cost of living in brackets.

	Lowest decile	Highest decile
Year	£	£
1966	1,256	3,497
1968	1,411 (1,312)	3,748 (3,486)
1971	1,750 (1,330)	4,500 (3,420)
1973	2,100 (1,376)	5,514 (3,614)
1975	2,910 (1,325)	7,010 (3,190)

**The 1975 Survey of Professional Engineers* (Council of Engineering Institutions, 2 Little Smith St, London, SW1P 3DL, £5).

Abu Dhabi and oil companies start fresh talks

A fresh round of talks on the future relationship between the international oil companies and the Abu Dhabi government began yesterday, when Mr Geoffrey Stockwell, representing the oil company partners in the Abu Dhabi Petroleum Company, met Mr Mana Said Al-Otaiba, the United Arab Emirates Oil Minister in Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi has already told the companies that it does not want to increase its 60 per cent stake in ADPC and Abu Dhabi Marine Areas.

The talks are designed to reach the terms under which the companies will contribute to new capital projects and lift oil from the onshore and offshore concessions. Abu Dhabi hopes that a final agreement can be reached before January.

Steel orders give hope of recovery

Further evidence that the European steel industry may be emerging from its worst recession since the 1930s came yesterday with publication of the latest statistical indicators on the level of orders placed with steelmakers.

They relate to orders for rolled steel products placed with companies in the six original countries of the EEC and show that last month orders were 17.6 per cent up on September and 9.6 per cent up on the corresponding month of 1974.

Dutch to cut state spending

Buggenum, Nov 25.—The Dutch government planned to cut spending by between 9,000m and 10,000m guilders (about £1,651m to £1,835m) in 1977-80, Mr Duisenberg, the finance minister said here today.

This followed the cabinet decision to lower the annual increase in taxes and social insurance benefits to 1 per cent from 1¼ per cent of national income, he told the Limburg Employers' Association.

About 6,000m guilders would be cut from social insurance benefits and between 3,000m and 4,000m from other government spending, he said.—Reuter.

MEAL survey brings hope of cheerful Christmas

A reasonable start to the important pre-Christmas quarter is indicated in the latest survey of advertising expenditure issued by Media Expenditure Analysis. Net revenue earned by the independent television companies during October also confirms the view that advertising is recovering remarkably well from the setbacks of 1974 and early 1975.

In real terms, however, it is still well below the startling growth rates of the preceding two years. The MEAL figures for October show a 23 per cent rise in gross expenditure on display advertising compared with the same month last year at £54.5m.

Gross expenditure on television was 32 per cent higher than a year ago at rate card costs. Spending in the press was 14 per cent higher compared with last year.

Within the press, the increase for newspapers was 16 per cent but magazines were only 11 per cent higher than a year ago.

Product categories where spending has increased most during the year continue to be headed by the motor industry which showed an increase of 75 per cent on October last year and the retail and mail order industry where spending has gone up by 53 per cent.

Categories where spending has dropped include publishing, down by 22 per cent on October 1974: entertainment, down by 11 per cent; and household stores, down by 10 per cent on a year ago.

The Independent Television Companies Association figures for net television earnings for October were £20m, almost 27 per cent ahead of last year's. This is after increases of 24 per cent in September and around 14 per cent over the first 8 months of the year.

Advertising & marketing

Ayer in Toronto

Ayer Barker Hegemann, the consortium of British, American and German advertising agencies has departed from its normal procedure of part acquisition of established agencies and set up a new company in Toronto, Canada.

The new company, O'Hara Hannigan Reid ABH International starts trading with the De Beers Consolidated Mines account and Mr Julian Wellesley, deputy chairman of ABH International says he expects it to have achieved a majority Canadian ownership within five years.

Mirror research

The Mirror group of newspapers has produced research illustrating the extra purchasing power achieved by "blue collar" households in recent years.

It says that 24 per cent of households earning more than £59 per week (£3,000 plus per annum) is predominantly C1 and C2 in socio-economic category.

In a presentation last week marketing industry executives implied that finance marketing had not yet caught up with the change.

Patricia Tisdall

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pressing need to review financing of the development of drugs

From Dr W. E. Ormerod

Sir, The repayment of "excess profits" by an international drug company to the British Government may be justified in economic terms if trade is considered to be the only function of a pharmaceutical company; but if this is to become a common practice it must be appreciated that other factors are involved.

The revolution in medical treatment which has occurred during the past 50 years has been mainly due to the development of new drugs, and their production and sale by pharmaceutical companies. Although initial discoveries are often made by non-commercial laboratories, only the pharmaceutical firms have yet been able to develop new drugs and deliver them for use in human and veterinary medicine.

Recently the cost of developing new drugs has increased out of all proportion to the increase in financial return which many of them are likely to bring in: there are, of course, exceptions, of which the tranquillizer group of drugs is a clearcut example. The reasons for this increase in costs is not so much due to the economic situation, to which all companies are subject, as to the statutory tests for toxicity introduced after the thalidomide disaster.

Fifteen years ago it was possible for large firms to develop drugs which were of use to the community but which did not necessarily provide profits: the costs of this "social work" were covered by their commercial successes. The increased cost of testing drugs has meant that firms have had to limit their development to drugs that are likely to produce a profit.

The change in attitude is most clearly marked in tropical medicine. In this field patients are mainly from poor countries and there was never much likelihood of profits being obtained; nevertheless, many firms carried out research in tropical medicine. Their motives may have been mixed, but all based their action on the belief that it was the right thing to do: moreover, their losses could be recouped from profits obtained elsewhere.

This is now changed; yet the need for new drugs is greater than ever, as organisms become resistant and as diseases such as malaria and schistosomiasis increase their prevalence through the multiplication of irrigation schemes. The development of new drugs for tropical diseases has virtually ceased, and in some instances even the supply of existing drugs has been discontinued.

The British Government has long been in a position to limit the price of drugs used by the National Health Service, and is setting out to do so with those drugs which are being developed and sold profitably for the treatment of "stress" diseases associated with the western way of life. This practice means that there are insufficient profits to pay for the development of drugs for less fortunate countries.

The value of uneconomic drugs which the pharmaceutical industry has in the past developed by using its other profits, is so important to world development that it is now clear that governments will need not so much to limit the "excess profits" of the pharmaceutical industry as to finance production of the drugs that the world community requires.

I am, yours faithfully,
W. E. ORMEROD,
Reader in Medical Protozoology
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine,
Keppel Street,
London, WC1.

The small investor and his role in a capitalist society

From Mr Peter Ireson

Sir, In writing about the significance of the small investor being priced out of the market by the level of dealing costs, stamp duty and the jobbers turn, your Financial Editor (November 17) ignores a very important factor. One of the major problems facing industry, commerce and the City is that there is little understanding of the role of profit by the employees of firms, by the public at large and indeed even by many politicians. Those politicians who do understand their essential role in promoting a healthy level of investment are often forced by public ignorance or misunderstanding to adopt an anti-profit stance.

Corporate finance is complex. It is a language that has to be learned over a long period by reading and talking it regularly. There is no incentive for those without a personal interest in understanding it to take the trouble. True, as a jobholder one has a stake, but it is not easy to convince employees that healthy profits are good for job security, promotion prospects and better wages. There is still too much suspicion of management motives and attempts at explanation or education are often dismissed as propaganda.

A recent survey indicated that over 80 per cent of the employees of a company believed that they got no benefit from company profits—and this was in a large enterprise that had done a great deal of communicating about company results over the years.

I cannot believe that such startling ignorance would exist on any large scale if share ownership was spread widely throughout the community. Someone whose pocket is directly affected by the profitability of a firm is likely to take a much more active interest in financial matters than someone who feels no direct benefit from wise investment and a proper return on the money put into productive enterprise.

What I am saying is that it is not just a case of the small investor making a contribution to the creation of liquidity in the market, or of paying lip service to an ideal that is politically desirable. It is a much more fundamental question of creating a society in which personal involvement creates a climate of approval and consent in which industry and the Stock Market are enabled to fulfil their essential funcrion of creating the wealth of the nation.

Maybe then the financial world would cease to be seen as the mysterious and exclusive preserve of the privileged, concerned mainly with creating more wealth for an already well-heeled elite.

I suggest that if nothing else, it is enlightened self-interest for broking firms to do everything in their power to encourage and help the small investor.

Yours sincerely,
PETER IRESON,
13 Hurlingham Gardens,
London, SW6,
November 17.

From Mr C. L. Verity

Sir, You emphasized recently how friendless the small investor was in the City and pointed out that a small purchase of, say, ICI at 313p might only show a profit after a rise to 370p.

The City, in its turn, is becoming friendless in the country, as investment becomes more and more a matter for the institutions and those whose living is in the Square Mile. Surely as a matter of self interest and self preservation the City should nurture what support it can by encouraging small savers to become investors and by so doing garner support for the capitalist philosophy for which it stands.

Is there not a marketing opportunity for the entrepreneur here? If Sainsbury's and Tesco can retail groceries in small parcels to the individual small buyer, is it really impossible to do the same for shares—or has nobody ever tried? A successful operation in this field would surely breathe fresh life into a capitalist body that shows signs of advanced decay.

Yours faithfully,
C. L. VERITY,
Boundary House,
Brimpton Common,
Near Reading,
Berkshire.
November 20.

From Mr R. G. Hawker

Sir, Once again I have been sent a company's annual report containing the bare announcement of a special notice having been received by the company of the intention to propose the re-election to the board of Mr X, who is over 70 years of age. I have no doubt that his re-election is a foregone conclusion. However, as a matter of principle I shall oppose this and similar proposals until companies offer a reasonable explanation of why the directorship cannot be filled by a younger man.

By failing to offer such an explanation companies are frustrating the intention behind the relevant clause of the Companies Act, and inviting suspicion of nepotism and jobs for the boys. I, and like-minded small shareholders, can make only a token protest. Is it too much to hope that the institutions might also see this as an issue where their duty as shareholders to ensure reasonable disclosure of information does not conflict with their customary reluctance to become involved in the running of the company?

Yours faithfully,
R. G. HAWKER,
56 Park Road,
Woking,
Surrey.
November 19.

Brown Shipley Holdings Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT

Following a year in which the Group was able to show a marked improvement in net profits, gross earnings have continued to increase in the principal operating companies during the half year to 30th September, 1975. However, increased costs, including those associated with moving into new premises, have trimmed net profits to a level slightly lower than that achieved in the corresponding period last year.

In the absence of an upturn in general economic activity, the Board would expect a similar trend to be reflected in the Group's results for the full year.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 3.5p per share, payable on 12th January, 1976 to Shareholders on the register on 12th December, 1975. Subject to unforeseen circumstances, the Board expects to be able to recommend a final dividend that will bring the total for the year to 31st March, 1976 to the maximum permitted under the current legislation.

25th November, 1975.

Founders Court, Lothbury, London EC2R 7HE

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela

8½% Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures Due 1987

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of December 15, 1972 providing for the above Debentures, $350,000 principal amount of said Debentures bearing the following serial numbers have been selected for redemption on December 15, 1975, through operation of the Sinking Fund, at the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest thereon to said date:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

M-129	1167	2579	3753	4578	5682	6983	7920	8811	10182	10864	11490	12045	12676	13250	13895
135	1200	2674	3757	4656	5723	7071	7948	8881	10186	10908	11499	12069	12679	13255	13901
154	1236	2685	3765	4685	5796	7164	7967	8951	10229	10974	11515	12072	12745	13256	14082
256	1270	2687	3890	4721	5896	7181	7978	8997	10264	10988	11528	12081	12755	13269	14107
287	1316	2708	3966	4746	5955	7202	7993	9044	10364	11016	11588	12119	12763	13430	14116
363	1318	2748	4002	4784	6005	7245	7994	9137	10401	11063	11600	12165	12788	13456	14139
441	1364	2817	4050	4830	6036	7255	8002	9245	10425	11064	11652	12196	12820	13458	14168
529	1390	2718	4062	4850	6060	7284	8004	9285	10505	11079	11655	12203	12837	13514	14201
603	1397	2766	4098	4895	6157	7308	8028	9323	10523	11096	11674	12218	12848	13562	14252
604	1457	2820	4159	4945	6277	7313	8031	9428	10539	11103	11746	12292	12888	13567	14358
631	1462	2846	4218	4962	6281	7377	8132	9462	10581	11110	11751	12294	12937	13612	14376
675	1550	2937	4254	4963	6407	7422	8133	9537	10603	11114	11757	12315	12958	13619	14427
812	1574	2961	4271	5012	6499	7428	8154	9615	10638	11160	11805	12392	12974	13625	14507
845	1631	2985	4295	5107	6563	7475	8190	9622	10661	11211	11843	12397	12980	13721	14578
894	1719	2241	4322	5127	6658	7489	8278	9702	10667	11216	11849	12402	13004	13744	14643
904	1995	3268	4361	5222	6712	7510	8341	9728	10718	11268	11861	12470	13044	13749	14705
944	1997	3289	4404	5266	6771	7567	8342	9810	10755	11291	11887	12474	13091	13751	14854
1007	2088	3330	4442	5360	6854	7621	8421	9900	10757	11315	11922	12493	13096	13782	14894
1071	2189	3409	4491	5457	6929	7624	8471	9911	10785	11347	11938	12507	13145	13787	14918
1109	2215	3424	4495	5525	6931	7715	8544	9966	10798	11401	11961	12560	13148	13818	14959
1118	2225	3564	4543	5547	6934	7751	8657	10037	10812	11415	11969	12609	13228	13831	
1162	2231	3637	4564	5603	6974	7828	8714	10076	10846	11450	11985	12625	13244	13843	

On December 15, 1975, the Debentures designated above will become due and payable in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. Said Debentures will be paid, upon presentation and surrender thereof with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the redemption date, at the option of the holder either (a) at the **corporate trust office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, N.Y. 10015,** or (b) at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London, Paris and Zurich; Bank Mees & Hope N.V. in Amsterdam; Banca Morgan Vonwiller S.p.A. in Milan and Rome and Credit Industriel d'Alsace et de Lorraine, S.A. in Luxembourg. Payments at the offices referred to in (b) above will be made by check drawn on a dollar account, or by transfer to a dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in New York City.

Coupons due December 15, 1975 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after December 15, 1975 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures herein designated for redemption.

Compañía Anónima Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela

Dated: November 14, 1975

NOTICE

The following Debentures, previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

M-687	1244	1793	2453	3102	3256	3937	5385	6390	7222	7399	7488	10015	14697	14825
1152	1264	1810	2175	3106	3258	4021	6126	7036	7230	7247	7502	13026	14698	14844
1237	1364	2473	3129	3244	3575	4457	6292	7130	7263	7396	7592	14681	14796	14848

NEWMAN-TONKS LIMITED

Activities include the manufacture of architectural and builders' hardware, Briton Door Closing Devices, non-ferrous tube and extrusions and light engineering components.

INCREASED DEVELOPMENT OVERSEAS

Extracts from the circulated Statement of Mr. Michael L. B. Wright (Chairman):

Continuing inflationary pressures, combined with the restrictive penalties of the Price Code, have, inevitably, resulted in profit erosion which could not be totally offset by higher operating efficiency. The group has been able to achieve a group profit of £1.5m which justifies your directors in recommending a total dividend for the year of 2.95854p per share, the maximum permitted.

During the year, we have acquired several small companies. Reorganisation has already taken place in three of them and they should make a useful contribution in 1976. We are constantly looking for further suitable acquisitions and are conscious of the fact that we are, at the moment, largely committed to the building industry and must have more diversification to broaden the base of the group.

We have recently signed an agreement with Vereinigte Baubeschlagfabriken Gretsch & Co. GmbH, Stuttgart, who market their products under the trade name of GEZE. This is a further step in our determined effort to develop our export trade in Europe. We have appointed a senior executive in South East Asia to administer and expand our existing substantial business in that area. Our Australian and South African subsidiaries both had a satisfactory year.

The prospects for the current financial year are, of course, dependent upon the general state of the economy, both at home and abroad. We are a strong group and an important supplier to the architectural and builders' hardware industry and I am confident that we are well placed to take full advantage of any upturn in trade when this occurs.

F. COPSON CO. LTD.

Builders' and Plumbers' Merchants
Sanitaryware and Central Heating Supplies

"Turnover and Profits again increased"

F. Copson (Chairman and Managing Director)

Group profit before taxation is £117,318 which is practically £25,000 in excess of that recorded last year. Turnover increased by 31%, at £2,560,566. I think all concerned can be justifiably proud of these results in a year of depression in the building industry on which we must depend so much.

The sanitary ware side of our business, which in the previous year showed a falling off, has shown a welcome improvement and is progressing in spite of fiercer competition and somewhat lower profit margins. Our heating section continues to maintain a strong position in the market with increasing turnover. We anticipate no major difficulties in maintaining this position next year.

Our subsidiary companies have produced record profits. Only Warm Air Ltd. holds a record order book for the year ahead.

In the current year, turnover is well in excess of the corresponding period of the year under review. Our aim is to maintain, and by all means possible improve, our turnover and profits. I shall be surprised and disappointed if we do not succeed.

Business appointments

Brown Shipley chief named

Mr Ion Garnett-Orme will relinquish the chairmanship of Brown Shipley Holdings and its banking subsidiary, Brown, Shipley & Co. on December 31. He will be succeeded as chairman of Brown Shipley Holdings by Lord Farnham. Mr Peter H. Dunn will become chairman of Brown, Shipley & Co. Mr Garnett-Orme and Mr Angus Mackinnon retire from the board of Brown, Shipley & Co on December 31. They will remain as directors of Brown Shipley Holdings.

The Plessey Company is to establish a chief executive office which will be set up on January 1 with the following members: Sir John Clark, chief executive; Mr Michael Clark, deputy chief executive and group deputy chairman, and Mr Eric Frye, Mr W. J. Sinsheimer, and Dr B. F. Willetts, all deputy chief executives.

Mr D. L. Hegland, deputy chairman of **GKN Australia Ltd**, and Mr P. J. Kincaid, managing director of Ajax GKN Ltd of New Zealand, who will become chairman and managing director respectively of GKN Australia on January 1, have been appointed to the board of Guest, Keen and Nettlefold (Overseas). Mr J. C. E. Campbell and Mr G. B. Newby retire from the board on December 31, when Mr Campbell retires as chairman of GKN Australia and Mr Newby returns to take up an appointment with GKN in the United Kingdom after a tour of duty as director of GKN Australia and as chairman and managing director of its subsidiary, Guest Keen and Nettlefolds (Aust).

Mr P. B. S. Johnson has been appointed managing director of **Johnson Group Cleaners Properties** in succession to Mr J. L. Crockatt who remains chairman.

Dr A. I. Lenton becomes chairman and general manager of **Bowater United Kingdom Paper Company** early in the New Year. Mr A. Rosenzweig has been coopted on to the board of **Bank Leumi (UK)**.

Mr Mac Brunckhorst becomes managing director of **Australia and New Zealand Banking Group** on April 1, in succession to Mr C. H. Rennie who will retire on March 31.

Mr William G. Mitchell has been appointed a director of **Nortrust Corporation** and its bank subsidiary, The Northern Trust Company, Chicago. He replaces Mr Solomon Byron Smith, who is retiring from the board of The Northern Trust Company but remains on the Nortrust board.

Mr Dennis Howroyd will become chairman of **Provincial Building Society** on January 1. Mr Edgar A. Gadie retires as president at the end of the year.

Mr D. A. Hunter Johnston has been elected chairman of the **Association of Investment Trust Companies** upon the retirement of Sir Robert Erskine-Hill. Sir Robert remains on the general committee. Lord Remanant has been elected a deputy chairman.

Mr Peter Selwyn Plaisted retires from the board of **Stansand Holdings** on November 30. Mr Peter Shaw becomes managing director.

Mr George P. Bisbas has been elected a director of the **UK Freight Demurrage and Defence Association.**

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Investigations that often lead nowhere

partment of Trade reports most always make entertain- reading, but too often they to justify the amount of pensive professional time or blic money involved. In the e of the two reports on mes produced yesterday, re are, apparently, no arges being brought despite firm conviction of the pectors that fraud was per- rated in one instance.

one of the two companies estigated, Bernard Russell, in liquidation. One of the in protagonists died before could be interviewed. The fortunate shareholders in nes have since seen their up transform itself into a quoted company. The restigation, meanwhile, en- ed the dubious distinction being the second longest ning one in the Department Trade's stable. It seems per- ent to question whether the tcome serves any useful rpose.

Department of Trade reports rely result in prosecution or compense to shareholders. e Lowson case, the second re- rt on which should be ready fore the end of the year, is exception rather than the le. Of the 18 companies cur- ntly being investigated, about lf a dozen are already in quidation; another four are ow under completely different wnership. There is confusion to exactly what the Depart- ent of Trade is trying to do. uch investigations have become most a major growth industry ver since Mr Heath first cast e spotlight on the "unaccept- ble face of capitalism".

Mr Shore, at the Department Trade since the installation a Labour government, has 10 his credit. There is a feeling at initiating an investigation one way of smothering a tentially embarrassing politi- l eruption, as in the case of onrho. But do such investiga- ons really fulfil their function protecting shareholders and editors? From the record to ate the answer must be no.

In 1974 Department of Trade investigations cost £890,000, with some £634,000 of that ccounted for by professional ees to the leading chartered ccountants and lawyers em- loyed, along with back-up re- earch from their own firms. By May 1973 it had cost some 137,000 to produce three re- orts on Pergamon. The whole oncept of investigations needs o be rethought. Many of the buses uncovered by these re- orts could be more quickly and fficiently dealt with by the City's regulatory agencies, if hey are given legislative teeth.

The Department of Trade, hose proceedings do have a tar Chamber quality about hem, seems still to be nurturing he idea that a public pillorying, ven if there are no charges, uffices as a deterrent. But all o often an investigation turns ut to be an expensive sledge- ammer to try to crack a nut.



Mr Edgar Bowring, chairman of C. T. Bowring: the Bowmaker subsidiary has now arranged a £25m one-year facility.

this is the kind of stock where dividends could fall as well as rise.

For in the opening six months to mid-March Akroyd caught the market recovery at its most dynamic to turn in £5.66m pre-tax on turnover (of sold bargains) of £6,844m. But despite a further increase in turnover to £7,709m in the second half, the pre-tax outcome was £1.65m. In part that reflects a very much higher proportion of business in short gilts and a lower volume of equity turnover, but it also reflects a more volatile market and a market that reacted more sharply than many expected following the referendum.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £16m
Sales £14,553m (£8,723m)
Pre-tax profits £7.31m (£3.55m)
Earnings per share 37.5p (21.1p)
Dividend gross 23p* (16.9p)
** Including* 3.8p *centenary dividend.*

Edgar Allen, Balfour

Resilient sectors

Edgar Allen, Balfour breaks down the interim results to October 4 as between the original Edgar Allen group and Balfour Darwins, acquired on March 17.

Edgar Allen boosted its pre-tax profits by nearly 63 per cent on turnover up by a third to £15.5m, but Balfour Darwins saw its profits decline from £588,000 to just £71,000 over the same period, even though turnover rose nearly a fifth to £10.6m.

True, Balfour Darwins was always a cyclical performer, and 1974 was an exceptionally good year for steel sales. Even so, the fact that Balfour made a loss on engineering and tools in the first half this year, and a fairly modest profit on steel foundry and forging activities, while Edgar Allen made substantial profits on all these activities requires a more specific explanation.

This seems to be that Edgar Allen has applied much more conservative accounting treatment to Balfour than the former management and hence the benefits of the merger, particularly at the earnings per share level, may take a little longer coming through than the pro-forma position suggested.

Order books for the combined grouping have fallen by nearly a quarter in money terms since this time last year (particularly for special steels and engineers' cutting tools) but EA, B is confident enough about the resilience of other specialist areas of the group to suggest that profits will come out at around £3m this year against £2.17m for Edgar Allen alone last year. On this basis the prospective p/e ratio is around 6 at 61p and the shares yield a prospective 9½ per cent. They are probably fully valued however, in the light of how the order situation is developing.

Interim: 1975/76 (1974/75)
Capitalization £9m
Sales £26.1m (£11.71m)
Pre-tax profits £1.5m (£0.88m)
Dividend gross 1.85p (1.79p)
"Edgar Allen only.

Bowmaker

Retrenchment seems complete

After obtaining its first three-year loan of £20m, Bowmaker was talking of an average maturity on its deposit book of over a year. Since then it has raised a further £5m three-year loan and now a £25m one-year facility which it expects to be renewable. This will enable it to cut out yet more one and three month deposits and, in the context of overall borrowings of some £125m, will mean it is very close to being fully matched on its loan portfolio—typically made up of two-year loans.

The new facility will give Bowmaker a useful cushion, and while consumer and industrial credit business is likely to continue at a low ebb in the near future, should at least enable it to start taking a more expansive view than it has been able to do in recent months. Until now the loan portfolio has been reducing but it would now seem that Bowmaker has fully emerged from its period of retrenchment.

Yarrow

Terms to be negotiated

Any sensible stock market assessment of the candidates for nationalization under the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill is still bedevilled by the absence of any precise guidelines on the compensation terms the companies are likely to receive. In most cases the reference time for arriving at the compensation figure is academic with only two quoted shipbuilders, Robb Caledon and Vosper, to be taken over lock, stock and barrel. In the remaining cases, where various albeit sizable limbs are to be taken under state control, the basis for compensation—whether by reference to assets, or earnings, or whatever—has not been spelt out even at this late stage.

To compound the felony, arbitration procedures could stretch out the period of uncertainty for up to two years. Thus Yarrow's share price during the six-month reference period averaged 116p. Depending on whether assets or earnings are to be the basis for compensation—and shipbuilders obviously prefer the former because of the industry's low return on capital—Yarrow's compensation could be as low as 50p a share or as much as 90p.

With non-shipbuilding interests in boilermaking and marine consultancy worth another 75p in the last balance sheet—though they contributed less than a tenth of profits—there still looks something to go for in the shares of 134p if the more optimistic figure for compensation is taken.

Meanwhile, though the exact profit figures are not yet known, Yarrow has come through a difficult trading year in better shape than many others. A yield of 4.3 per cent at 134p on the dividend increased by the maximum to 5.775p a share gross is a just reflection that Yarrow is one of the safest shipbuilding speculations.

Christopher Allsopp

In defence of deficit financing as a weapon against recession

The view that deficit spending by governments crowds out spending by the private sector, was a characteristic of pre-Keynesian economics which appeared to be decently buried. It was disturbing, therefore, to find Mr Tim Congdon in his article "The Futility of Deficit Financing as a Cure for Recession" (October 23) reviving the old fallacies.

Mr Congdon was right to compare the crowding out thesis with the fashionable Treasury view of the 1930s. It is as dangerous now as it was then. No one should doubt that the consequences of attempts to reduce the government deficit substantially, before other expansionary forces get going, would be a dire increase in unemployment.

The term crowding out has been used to mean different things. Of course, if an economy is fully employed, any component of expenditure competes with all others; a preemption of resources by the public sector would crowd out private expenditure.

Moreover, it is common ground that a tight monetary policy may discourage private spending, and hence, wholly or in part, offset expansionary fiscal action. But, as the term is being used, crowding out is the thesis that a public sector deficit, financed by borrowing, would automatically crowd out private spending to about the same extent, even in a situation of unemployment and general under-utilization of resources. It was this view that was so damaging in the thirties.

Recently it has become associated with a type of extreme monetarism and with the claim that fiscal policy is, in the medium-term, completely ineffective in altering the level of activity. (Clearly if it is only the money supply that matters, then bond-financed public deficits, which do not affect the money supply, cannot affect activity.)

How plausible is the crowding out thesis? The usual argument is that sales of public debt to finance a deficit raise interest rates and deter interest sensitive private expenditures. Mr Congdon wrote: "If the Government has to sell bonds, it absorbs liquidity from the financial system and drives up interest rates."

This argument is misleading. The public has the same amount of liquid assets as before; it simply has more bonds as well. (The bonds are sold for cash, but the government has a deficit only if it then spends the cash back into the system.) Of course, since the public needs to be persuaded to hold the larger quantity of bonds without trying to get into other assets such as cash or equities, there is likely to be some rise in interest rates.

But even if gilt-edged prices do weaken, would this deter industrial investment, and, if so, by how much? The mechanisms are complex. It would appear safe to assume that bond-finance would become more expensive. But what about other types of finance?

A desire not to hold gilt-edged stock does not imply a desire to hold cash instead. It could easily involve an attempt to switch into equities, in which case, equity finance might even become cheaper.

Most importantly, however, the deficit itself has effects both on the general level of activity in the economy and on the cash flow and profitability position of companies. These effects, considered below, are probably the most powerful, and would tend to stimulate investment.

In fact, real interest rates are rather low. Most savers know to their cost that it is difficult to get a real return these days. The argument that the rise in personal savings, which has been observed in most industrial countries, is due to the attraction of high interest rates, is not plausible. Consumers have not been crowded out by bond financed public sector deficits!

It is true, however, that personal savings have risen to a puzzling extent. Why should people save more in times of recession, especially when real returns are low?

The traditional analysis suggests that consumers act in a stabilizing way, saving more as incomes rise and maintaining their expenditure as incomes fall. Nonetheless, practical forecasters have long been aware that consumers can act in a de-stabilizing way on occasion.

In fact, Keynes himself, lecturing in 1931 at the beginning of the Great Depression, assumed that savers would save more at the beginning of a slump. The reason he gave was that the decline in stock market values would deter consumption and lead to attempts by the public to reconstitute their wealth position. At present, the decline in asset values is reinforced by inflation. Holdings of financial assets are being eroded. If economic agents try to maintain the real value of their wealth then they have to try to save more.

The other explanation that is often advanced is that there has been a substantial rise in precautionary savings. The point that much of the rise in savings is due to a reduction in hire purchase and other debt, is quite consistent with a cautious attitude of consumers, in the face of a deteriorating economic climate.

> "The 'crowding out' thesis could not be more misleading. Far from competing with private investment, a public sector deficit is necessary to prevent further falls"

But what does an increase in desired savings do? Standard text-book analysis tells us that so long as desired savings exceed investment the economy will be in disequilibrium—in a down-swing—and the down-swing will continue until the excess desire to save is eliminated. If consumers were stabilizing, the desire to save would fall with incomes and, thereby, bring about an end to the downswing.

But we know that households are in fact saving more (or going into debt less). The implications of this are that some other sector must be saving less; that for some group or sector of the economy the balance between receipts and expenditure must worsen. That is a matter of accounting.

Assuming no change in either the foreign deficit or in the public sector, the consequence of increased household savings is a deterioration in the financial position of companies. Their receipts must fall in relation to their expenditure. But this is not the end of the story.

As the painful experiences of 1974 make clear, companies whose financial position worsens in the above manner attempt to rectify the situation by cutting their expenditure, as by lowering investment and laying off workers. They also attempt to raise receipts, where possible, by raising prices.

Such moves are doomed to failure. They are just as futile in aggregate as an attempt by all countries in the world simultaneously to improve their balance of payments positions. The only way the company sector can improve its position (its receipts in relation to its expenditure) is if the position of some other sector or sectors worsens.

This is where the public sector deficit comes in. However financed, a public sector deficit allows the private sector to raise its receipts in relation to its expenditure. (Strictly it is excess of the public sector deficit over the balance of payments deficit that allows the improvement in the private sector position.) Savers can save more (or borrowers borrow less).

The financial counterpart to a deficit is that individuals or companies are building up their assets. Thus a rise in the public sector deficit can stop the down-swing even if households act in a destabilizing way.

In practice, much of the rise in the public sector deficit comes about automatically as unemployment payments rise and so on. But discretionary moves are also necessary. If the increased desire to save or decreased desire to invest is substantial then the deficit will have to be correspondingly large, if large scale unemployment is to be avoided.

Thus, at present, the main effect of the public sector deficit is to support the financial position of companies. The relief to companies in the second half of 1974 was in fact due to a rising public sector deficit. The relaxation of price controls and the changes in taxation in the autumn of 1974 were important to individual companies, but for companies as a group these moves helped only to the extent that they enlarged the deficit of the public sector (or helped to lower the net saving of some other sector).

Without the deficit of the public sector there would be a return to the cash flow and liquidity difficulties of the first half of 1974 (or worse) and, in time, further cut-backs in investment and massive rises in unemployment.

The crowding-out thesis could not be more misleading. Far from competing with private investment, a public sector deficit is necessary to prevent further falls. The essential point is that the public's desire to accumulate assets in general should be satisfied if recessionary forces are to be offset.

Of course, the way in which a deficit is financed does matter. Corresponding to different methods of finance, the public accumulate either liquid or illiquid assets and the pure monetary effects differ.

The interesting set of questions at present concerns the cumulative effects of public sector deficits. In the normal course of events the deficits observed all over the industrial world would be expected to generate a substantial up-swing in activity.

As noted, individuals and companies must be building up their asset positions as a counterpart to the deficit. Over time, the effects should cumulate; the financial restocking process should be completed, and expenditures should rise. Indeed, there is a danger that a reversion to more normal savings-investment patterns could lead to substantial overshoot.

But times are not normal. Inflation is having much more effect in eroding asset positions than usual and the climate of expectations and confidence is adverse. In such circumstances judgments about the appropriate size of the public sector deficit, and especially about the timing of fiscal moves are exceptionally difficult to make. The very last thing that is appropriate would be a return to the fiscal orthodoxy of the inter-war period.

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A caustic view of IBM

Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

International Business Machines, according to conventional wisdom, is good at marketing, prodigal with technology, suffocating in its employee relations, tight-lipped to the outside world, and profitable.

According to the company itself, it is dedicated to excellence. Its spokesmen profess pained wonder at outside criticism, which they claim to see as arising from the company's size and success.

According to Mr Rex Malik*, freelance computer journalist, IBM has been characterized by "technological sloth, managerial arrogance, economic greed". One of its internal documents, he says, admits to "virtually a litany of every practice at some time or other adjudged illegal under American anti-trust laws"; and over the years it has been responsible for a flourishing "pattern of lies, evasions, half-truths and deception".

Mr Malik reaches these conclusions from a close study of the company—"without the help, cooperation or encouragement of IBM"—and in particular from a perusal of internal IBM documents submitted as evidence when Telex, a major supplier of IBM-compatible peripheral equipment, sued IBM on anti-trust charges alleging monopolistic and predatory commercial practices.

It is these internal company reports and memoranda which make Mr Malik's book rather more than just another volume about IBM. In earlier books we have read of the dubious commercial practices of Tom Watson (Snr), father of the company; and of some of the more amusing and/or horrific aspects of working for IBM—the jargon, the flipcharts, the task forces, the "penalty boxes" and "Siberias" where managers are sent whose excellence is found wanting, and so on.

We read of them again here, plus a brief history of the computer industry. And, as in the previous books, the flavour of the company is conveyed by quotations from anonymous IBM people and former IBM people.

But the main theme of Mr Malik's book is drawn from the words of IBM's own officers—words which were certainly not intended to see the light of day or be discussed outside the company. If IBM is to be condemned, it is here condemned out of its own mouth.

The story is about power—the power of the relatively few men who control this huge company; the power of the company itself, which, when sued on anti-trust charges by the United States Justice Department, mounts a legal force 10 times as strong as that of the federal government.

On the evidence, Mr Malik says, IBM has manipulated prices as it has manipulated legal processes to its own advantage. There are allegations of the intimidation of Telex witnesses; there is IBM's ludicrous list of alleged "competitors". Competitors include IBM's larger customers, the company argues, so that as IBM's business grows the company (relatively) becomes smaller in the market. . . .

Much of the story is technical in that it is told in the model numbers and acronyms which are familiar to those in the industry, but are as Greek to those outside. And it is Mr Malik's personal interpretation of the facts—but one which on many points is consistent with the impression of IBM held by other observers in the United Kingdom.

The book explains how IBM has come to dominate the world computer market, and goes on to suggest that the company's target for tomorrow is to move into complete business systems—everything from typewriters and copiers to computers to telecommunications.

Such a company, on its record, needs more than a short, sharp rap on the knuckles, Mr Malik says.

In a brief company statement, IBM declines to comment on "the inaccuracies, innuendoes and erroneous conclusions" of Mr Malik's book. Fair enough, but what about the rest of it?

**And Tomorrow . . . the World? Inside IBM*, by Rex Malik; Millington, £5.

Business Diary: How many women make a statistic?

or all the statistics about en- neers brought together in the 75 Survey of Professional En- neers, unveiled yesterday by e Council of Engineering In- itutions, the one that escaped e men who run the survey ncerned women.

Bryan Hildrew, who is the oyd's Register technical rector and chairs the commit- e putting the survey together, as somewhat nonplussed by e question of how many omen engineers there are out these days. "Not enough make a statistic", was his timate.

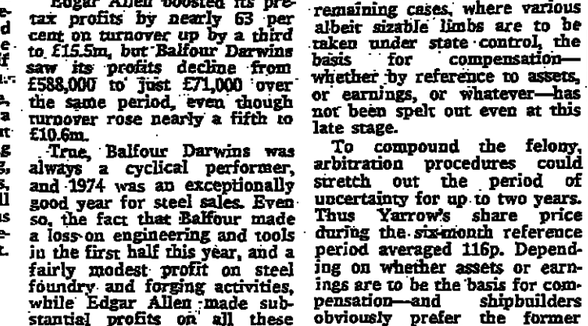
In fact, of the 37,000 engin- rs who took the trouble to nd back the survey papers— rking out for a postage stamp well as taking time off to swer the dozen or so sheets questions—none was a oman.

Yet on Hildrew's own staff about 300 professional en- neers there are about 20 omen. Not even the Women's gineering Society—formed 1919—is quite sure, however, w far women have penerated e profession over the years.

Thelma Davison, the society's cretary, who is an electrical d electronics engineer who tired a couple of years ago favour of occasional consul- ncy work, estimates that the ghest female percentage in y institution is two to three r cent. The electrical, elec- onics—particularly computers and chemical sectors tend to tract the girls.

The society has about 300 embers, and this is increas- g. There are probably several ndred women chartered en- neers, to which those who are the technician grades can be added, bringing the total just into the thousands.

But Miss Davison was more optimistic than some of her male colleagues about the number of women now going into engineering. "There's a lot just about to finish their education and we are getting a stack of inquiries from youngsters these days", she said.



CEI's Hildrew yesterday: ask me another.

A hostelry on the fringe of the City has one sign on the front proclaiming it to be "the friendliest pub in London", and another telling building workers in dirty overalls to keep out.

Wine taste

Peter Sichel, who is in London from Bordeaux this week, straddles both the *negociant* and the grower camps in the troubled wine capital.

He is managing director of Maison Sichel, one of the 250 or so Bordeaux *negociants*, or wine shippers. But the company has also had a stake in Chateau Palmer since 1938 and owns Chateau Angludet, which it is revivifying—or revinifying—since it came up for sale in rundown condition in 1961.

Sichel is also the treasurer of the CIVB, the growers' and *negociants'* joint committee, which is in some disarray after the troubles of the past few years.

He says it's time for growers and *negociants* alike to decide what they want the word Bordeaux to stand for. His suggestion is "quality", and he says he'd like to see people reducing yields in order to produce "great", rather than good or very good, wines and other, less exalted growers, producing *Appellation Controllée* rather than plonk.

At this point, only half way through the seventies, he says, the trade can already look back on the sudden arrival and departure of large-scale speculators, the rare phenomenon of two consecutive large crops in 1973 and 1974, a general economic crisis—and That Scandal.

Before that came several decades of other troubles. There was a succession of "ghastly" vintages in the thirties, a shortage of maturing wines thereafter, depression and war—all of which made Bordeaux hard to sell. Chateau Palmer, he says, didn't show Sichel a profit for 20 years.

But even if the 250 *negociants* and 30,000-odd growers saw it Sichel's way, it would be some time before there was any action. In the first place, he says, there isn't much money in making really fine wine. Fewer hecalitres to the hectare mean higher unit costs, let alone the money tied up in maturing—which good Bordeaux needs.

Secondly, there isn't much love lost between grower and *negociant*. The CIVB is only now reemerging as a joint forum after a walkout by the growers about a year ago, although, Sichel says, this was designed to put pressure on government rather than the *negociants*.

The CIVB was after a 3m franc soft loan to plough into a buffer stock to give growers some price stability. When at last a decision was made there was only 875,000 francs. Growers, Sichel says, sold their '71s at "reasonable" prices, only to see the wines changing hands outside Bordeaux for two and three times the price within months.

Today growers find it hard to believe a *negociant* when he says that the '73s and '74s are worth only a quarter of the price of the inferior '72s.

This year, however, Mother Nature saw to it that this year's vintage was smaller, and therefore one likely to make very good drinking indeed—one day.

Banks and braes

Can it be coincidence that as devolution becomes more and more "in", two of the London clearing banks are taking simultaneous tentative steps towards setting up shop in Scotland under their own names? Tomorrow National Westminster will be opening branches in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and Barclays Bank International has already opened a representative office in Edinburgh.

South of the border it comes as a surprise to learn that only now are the London clearers openly moving north, evidently to cash in on the opportunities arising out of North Sea oil.

Midland is strongly represented through its subsidiary, Clydesdale Bank. Williams & Glyn's is linked through its parent, National & Commercial Banking, with the Royal Bank of Scotland, while Barclays holds 35 per cent of the Bank of Scotland. Even so, the banks now think it worthwhile projecting their own names. "Some of our international customers might think it odd that we should have offices all round the world but none in Scotland", one banker said.

At last, a credit card that can be used in taxis. The London Taxi Drivers' Association is offering ride now, pay later facilities in London and the provinces to holders of accounts with its 350 radio cabs.

Braby Leslie Ltd

Mechanical and Civil Engineers

INTERIM STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1975

The unaudited results for the half-year ended 30th September, 1975, are given below together with the comparative figures for the half-year ended 30th September, 1974 and the full year ended 31st March, 1975.

	Half-year ended 30th September 1975 £000	1974 £000	Year ended 31st March 1975 £000
Turnover	10,340	8,666	18,154
Trading Profit	787	556	1,341
Interest payable	(111)	(139)	(284)
Group Pre-tax Profit	676	417	1,057
Taxation (*note* 1)	(169)	(133)	(300)
GROUP NET PROFIT after taxation and before extraordinary item	507	284	757
Extraordinary item	22	—	23
GROUP NET PROFIT attributable to Braby Leslie Limited	£529	£284	£780
Earnings per Ordinary Share—actual (*note* 2)	10·6p	5·7p	15·6p
Earnings per Ordinary Share assuming full tax charge at 52%—fully diluted	5·8p	3·6p	9·0p
Net tangible assets per Ordinary Share	58·4p	36·9p	48·5p

NOTES:
1.—The taxation charge at 52% comprises a transfer to Tax Equalisation Account in view of the capital allowances and stock appreciation relief available. Tax losses carried forward of some £500,000 are available against future profits in the appropriate companies.
2.—The earnings and net tangible assets per Ordinary Share have been based on 4,622,187 shares deemed to have been in issue from 1st April, 1974.

In the Interim Statement to shareholders, the Chairman, Mr. John Hine, makes the following points:

- **The current financial year continues well.**
- Substantially higher profits, much of it from exports, have been produced by the Mechanical Engineering Division. Contracts worth more than £1·8 million for delivery to the Middle East and North Africa have recently been won.
- The Civil Engineering Division has achieved considerably improved results. Activities in Scotland are at a higher level, even after allowing for inflation, and the consolidation at Nottingham of operations in England and Wales has improved profitability.
- Bank facilities continue to be adequate for present and estimated future requirements.
- An interim dividend of 1·25p (gross 1·9231p) per share has been declared for the year ending 31st March, 1976. It compares with the interim dividend of 0·75p (gross 1·1194p) for the previous year: the increase is to bring it more into line with the final payment.
- The Board expects, in the absence of any unforeseen circumstances, to recommend a final dividend for the year ending 31st March, 1976, of 1·8366p (gross 2·8255p), making a total of 3·0866p (gross 4·7486p), the maximum permitted by the Government.
- The Board remains confident in the future growth and development of the Group provided the economic climate permits reasonable trading conditions.

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Australia Council

Deputy Executive Officer

The Council is successor to the Australian Council for the Arts. It has been established by the Australian Government to foster the Arts in Australia under the Australia Council Act 1975, broadly to promote standards and the fullest opportunity to participate, appreciate and enjoy the Arts.

The Council incorporates several Specialist Boards with delegated functions for support of different art forms. It also directly operates several programmes of more general support for Arts activity and development including Community Arts, international cultural exchanges, etc.

The Council is seeking a Deputy Executive Officer to take responsibility for the development and implementation of Council policy under the direction of the Executive Officer. This will include work on long-term policy directions: liaison with Boards and Committees on policy matters: contact with outside bodies including Government departments and authorities on aspects of the Council's developing role and responsibilities. The Deputy Executive Officer will be expected to act in the full capacity of the Executive Officer on many occasions.

This senior position calls for proven skills in policy development and administration. In addition, a broad knowledge and appreciation of the Arts is an essential qualification. The successful applicant will have an exceptional range of skills and experience to fill this demanding role. The capacity to give effective leadership in a diverse and developing environment must be evident.

Terms of appointment: 3 years in the first instance.

Salary $A23,408 per annum (at present rate of exchange £1 = $A1.64).

Applications marked externally 'Private and Confidential' should include all relevant biographical data and other information with names and addresses of three referees, and should reach the following address no later than 19 December 1975.

The Executive Officer,
Australia Council,
P.O. Box 302,
NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2060,
Australia.

An expanding international bank seeks fresh **UNIVERSITY GRADUATES OR PERSONS** with a few years experience in International banking to start as **PROBATIONARY OFFICERS.**

The ideal age for these positions is between 22-32 years while knowledge of any one or more oriental languages such us Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Arabic or Persian would be considered as an additional qualification.

Candidates, who should either be U.K. citizens or holders of unrestricted work permit for U.K., are required to submit handwritten applications giving detailed account of their educational, professional and curricular activities not later than 12th December, 1975, addressed to:

THE PERSONNEL MANAGER,
BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL S.A.
71a QUEEN VICTORIA ST., LONDON E.C.4.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Senior Lecturer in Social Administration and Social Work

The nature of this post derives from the impending retirement of Dr Jean Heywood, Head of the Social Work Section of the Department. The appointee will take over the Section. Its main responsibility is the two-year Diploma and M.A. in Social Administration and Social Work (50 students). The Senior Lecturer will also be responsible for the general development of social work training and research. Although the main responsibility will be in the social work field, the Department strongly emphasises the close relationship between social administration and social work and the appointee will participate in its general teaching, research and administration. Salary range p.a.: £6,822-£7,430 per annum (under review). Superannuation.

Part-time Lecturer in Social Work

Duties involve the planning and arrangement of various kinds of placements for the students on professional social work courses, and working with supervisors and agencies to develop new kinds of placements. A professional qualification and experience in the field is essential. Salary proportionate to the full-time range p.a. £2,852-£4,698 (under review). Superannuation

Further particulars and application forms (returnable by December 17th) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester, M13 9PL. Quote Ref.: 242/75/T, and state for which post you are applying.

THE TIMES

A young man or woman capable of maintaining a management accounting reporting system is required for our Publishing Division and The Times Supplements.

Applicants should be partly qualified (preferably I.C.M.A.) with previous management or financial accounting experience. They should be ready to take full responsibility for producing budgets, revenue and cost reports and for the allocation of costs. The successful applicant must be able to communicate effectively at all levels.

This is an excellent opportunity to start a career in the newspaper industry.

We offer a starting salary of £3,145 (increase pending) per annum, four weeks and three days holiday rising to five weeks after one year's service and other fringe benefits.

Applications giving personal and career details should be sent to:—

Desmond Hayes,
Employment Manager,
Times Newspapers Limited,
P.O. Box 7, 200 Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.1.

RUNTON HILL SCHOOL, NORFOLK

The HEADSHIP of Runton Hill School will become vacant in March, 1976.

Applications from either sex for this post are invited, and should be sent not later than 17th December, 1975, to the Secretary of the Governing Body, Runton Hill School, 1 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JT.

The Secretary will supply upon request full particulars of the post, including salary and allowances, accommodation, etc.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Nottingham

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Medical School. The vacancy has been created by the move, on promotion, of the current holder to another centre. The department has now been established for three years under Professor E. M. Symonds.

The first students entered the school in October, 1970, and the graduated in July, 1973. The successful candidate will have an important part to play in medical student teaching at all stages of the curriculum. An active research programme has been initiated and clinical work is undertaken in the Nottingham hospitals.

The Nottinghamshire Area Health Authority (Teaching) will be prepared to grant appropriate honorary status to the successful candidate in respect of any clinical commitment on the Authority's behalf.

Salary will be on the clinical lecturer scale and superannuation arrangements will be according to individual circumstances. The starting salary will depend on qualifications, age and experience. The successful candidate will be expected to assume duty as soon as can conveniently be arranged.

Other particulars and a form of application may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Medical School, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, to whom completed applications should be returned by the 20th December, 1975.

University of Stirling

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP

Applications are invited for a temporary lectureship in economics, tenable for two years from [illegible] 1976. Applicants with interests in any field of economics will be considered. Salary according to age, qualifications and experience on scale £2,822-£4,698, plus Threshold Payment (at present under review).

Further particulars are obtainable from the Secretary, University of Stirling, FK9 4LA, Scotland, to whom application, including the names of two referees, should be sent by December 12th, 1975.

The University of Manchester

CHAIR OF ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a Chair in the Department of Economics, applicants with teaching and research interests in any field of Economics will be considered. The salary will be in the normal professorial range with superannuation benefits.

Applications (one copy only) should be sent not later than Wednesday, January 14th, 1976 to the Registrar, The University, Manchester, M13 9PL, from whom further particulars may be obtained. Please quote ref. 245/75/T.

University of Warwick

LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Economics from people interested in any field of the subject. This position is additional to the one recently advertised but those who have already applied will be automatically considered for this position also. The appointment will be tenable from 1st October, 1976. Salary on the scale £2,822-£4,698 p.a. (under review), initial appointment may be higher than the fourth point (£3,340 p.a.). Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL, quoting Ref. No. 16/F/75. Closing date for receipt of applications is 19th December, 1975.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Assoc Newspapers comes up trumps

By Ashley Druker

Warning in July that earnings might not be maintained in 1975-76, Associated Newspapers has performed considerably better in the opening half to September 30 than most market expectations: the shares rose in response by 9p to £1.

On the basis that the newspaper and newsprint side, the main source of profit, has suffered from the cut-back in advertising revenue—apart from the effect on the industry of rising labour and raw material costs—best hopes were for an outturn halved from some £4m to about £2m.

In the event the pessimists are confounded. Earnings held up surprisingly well: the pre-tax level was down only slightly, from £4m to £3.76m.

Profits include £673,000 (against £814,000) from associates and £562,000 (£697,000) from investments. Turnover climbed from £40.18m to £57.36m, while earnings a share work out at 5.6p, compared with 6p. The distribution is increased to 2.29p gross (2.21p).

The pattern of the preceding 12 months was the halting of a first-half decline, chiefly from a near-quadrupling to £1.37m in investment income. This source contributed £2.1m to overall profits (against £824,000) accounting for some 25.5 per cent of the total against 8.8 per cent. Trading profits (encompassing the activities of the *Daily Mail* and the *London Evening News*) brought in £2.27m, compared with £2.76m.

Braby Leslie fulfils hopes with a 62 pc rise

By Tony May

Strong rises in the shares of the Braby Leslie firm of civil and mechanical engineers pointed to market hopes of a good result for the six months to September 30. In fact, pre-tax profits for the half year jumped 62 per cent to £676,000 on turnover of £10.3m, against £8.6m. In response the shares duly went up a further 4p to 67p—a "high" for the year. Over the whole of last year profits rose 24 per cent to a record £1.05m.

Mr John Hine, chairman, remains confident in the future growth and development of the group showed that the economic climate permit reasonable trading conditions. The maximum permitted dividend will be paid for the year, 4.78p, against 4.31p gross, and meanwhile the interim is raised from 1.11p to 1.92p. Earnings a share are up from 5.70p to 10.6p acrual. Net tangible assets a share are 58.4p, against 36.9p.

Bank facilities are adequate for present and estimated future requirements.

Last year the group's civil engineering companies had a disappointing year with only the Scottish units making a profit. The board's aim for the current year was to restore this situation.

Transparent Ppr pushed into loss of £162,000

Last year's second-half decline has bitten more deeply into Transparent Paper, converters of cellulose wrappings, in the opening stretch to October 4. With turnover slipping from £7.26m to £6.85m, the pre-tax collapsed from £757,000 to only £12,000.

At "net" level there is a loss of £162,000, against a profit of £361,000. The dividend, however, is repeated at 1.94p gross.

The preceding 12 months to March 29 brought a disappointing second-half setback after a fine start when profits were more than doubled. Though the late downturn amounted to 37½ per cent, full-year's profits gained nearly 19 per cent to a fresh peak £1.2m. Cutbacks in consumer spending were the main cause of the relapse that year.

Hambros achieve 'substantial' rise in earnings

A cheerful and reassuring mid-year statement pushed the shares of Hambros up by 12p to 195p yesterday. Earnings in the half to September 30 were "substantially" up, and the board thinks this trend will be maintained.

All aspects of merchant-banking contributed, particularly the investment sector. Fresh gains in premiums and profits were achieved by Hambro Life Assurance (a 55 per cent stake).

There is good news, too, of Norway, where the Government's guarantee scheme to protect the value of Norwegian shipping assets has been announced. In May, Hambro's involvement in laid-up tankers was estimated at about £60m. The bank expects adopted values in almost all cases to be higher than those required to cover its loans.

Stock markets

BP hit by talk of Burmah placing

For the second day running, the London stock market marked time as the institutions held off in the hope of getting some fresh encouragement, like a cut in interest rates.

The fact that there is likely to be another small cut in the Minimum Lending Rate on Friday is being largely discounted by the gilt-edged sector, though it is likely to lead to some hardening in both markets for the rest of the week.

With profit-takers setting the tone, the *FT* Index had shed 2.5 by 2 pm though a minor mark-up late in the session left the closing index at 373.1, a drop of 1.1 on the day.

One of the dullest spots of the day came on the oils pitch where the prospect of a placing of Burmah's 21 per cent stake was enough to reduce the price of BP by 15p to 570p. But related issues were not greatly affected with Shell ending unchanged at 374p.

Shares in Hambros jumped 12p to 195p on the bank's announcement that its loans to the Norwegian shipping industry appear amply covered by the guarantee scheme proposed by the Norwegian Government.

In the "blue chips", Fisons 380p and Unilever 424p were typical of losses of two or three points, while nationalization stocks Hawker Siddeley, down 2p to 330p, and Robb Caledon, 3p easier to 40p, were both hit by profit-taking.

After their recent firmness, which dates from the annual meeting of Amalgamated Investment & Property, property shares met some selling and Land Securities 175p, MEPC 62p and Haslemere Estates 187p had all shed five points by the end of trading.

In shipping, John I. Jacobs were easier at 16p on the lack of confirmation of a tanker sale and Walter Runciman, a firm market of late, came back a long way, losing 9p to 119p.

Insurances were in line with the rest of the market as were the banks where Midland lost 4p to 293p, Lloyds 2p to 236p, and both National Westminster 238p and Barclays 308p finished unchanged on the day. Hongkong & Shanghai continued to be the pick of the bunch, adding another 5p to 264p, but Brown Shipley were unchanged at 190p after an interim statement.

Better-than-expected half-time results from Associated Newspapers left the shares 9p better at 100p, but Transparent Paper lost 3½p to 39p after its interim and both British Printing Corporation 45½p and Reed Group 242p were easier after news that the Sun Printers merger is not to go ahead.

Textiles traded firmly on the prospect of import controls—of particular significance to the industry. Courtaulds added a couple of pence to 145p and Coats Patons managed to hold on to its overnight 62½p.

The big engineers also had a firm day with Tube Investments gaining 2p to 294p and GKN staying at 253p. Two week spots ahead of trading news were WH Smith "A", down 5p to 390p, and J. Lyons "A", off by 2p to 150p.

The passing of its interim dividend continued to affect Walter Duncan Goodricke which lost 20p to 120p, while an offer to safeguard the future of the Grand National for five years did nothing for Ladbroke which shed 4p to 90p.

A bid from Sime Darby firmed Marryat Group 5p to 23p and the prospect of today's result unsettled Tesco which gave up 3p to 49½p.

Initial gains of 50p were halved in golds following the lower metal price "fix", but Pan Continental spurted 33p to 880p on a recent gold discovery. Ahead of an interim today, Johnson Matthey were nervous at 288p while the prospect of a result the following day clipped a few points from Lonrho at 120p.

Results from Akroyd & Smithers, though better, were largely discounted and the shares lost 2p to 200p, while statements from Braby Leslie added 4p to 67p and Edgar Allen, 1p to 61p.

But Wheway Watson shaded half a point to 15½p, Avon Rubber continued to be nervous at 42p and Royal Worcester gave up 4p to 12p in a continued reaction to an unfavourable mention.

In after-hours trading, light inquiry had the leaders a penny or two better in places and in some cases restoring the overnight position.

In foods, Highgate & Job suffered a 10p slide to 72p after a first-half profits slump and in oils there was some late improvement though BP only managed to get back a couple of pence.

The prospect of ICI's third-quarter profit being about £65m—down by £13m on the previous three months—does not unduly alarm dealers who feel the company has reached the bottom of its current cycle. The shares held firm at 319p having put on 7p last week.

The gilt-edged market saw good two-way business yesterday, but much of this seemed concentrated in the longer maturity stocks as investors switched out of the "short dates".

As a result of this movement, "shorts" slipped by 1/32 or 1/16 point, while "longs" rose by about an ⅛ point on balance. The switching appeared to have been prompted partly by technical considerations.

Ex-dividend dealings began in the "long tap", creating sufficient demand to finally exhaust this stock and it closed at 90⅝ with a net gain of ⅛ point. In addition, with many investors showing gains on their holdings of "shorts" following the recent rise in this sector, they were seeking opportunities in other sectors of the market. Equity turnover on November 24 was £46.07m (15,912 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, British Home Stores new, Shell, BP, Barclays Bank, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Allied Breweries, Royal Insurance, MEPC, Land Securities, Trafalgar House, Lonrho, Grand Metropolitan, Glaxo, SW Berisford, John I. Jacobs, Rank "A" and Sime Darby.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Akroyd & Smithers Fin	9.5	—	27/1	15.0***	—
Ass Newspapers (25p) Int	1.48	1.48	6/2	—	4.3
Atlanta, Baltimore (10p) Fin	0.15	0.4	12/1	0.15	0.4
Belgrave Assets (20p) Fin	0.12	0.41	2/1	0.37	0.71
Braby Leslie (10p) Int	1.25	0.75	16/1	—	2.82**
Brown Shipley (£1) Int	3.5	3.0	12/1	—	6.94
Carr's Milling (25p) Fin	1.41	1.0	16/1	2.14	2.01
Fred Cooper (10p) Int	0.1	0.41	7/1	—	1.06
Drayton Cons (25p) Fin	2.52	2.22	24/12	3.75	3.45
Edgar, Allen, Balfour (25p) Int	1.2	1.2	26/3	—	3.45
Evans of Leeds (25p) Int	0.52	1.05	5/1	—	3.87
Hambros (£10) Int	25.75	17.0	13/1	—	71.0
(25p) Int	3.95	2.61	13/1	—	—
(£1) Int	2.1	2.1	13/1	—	4.11
Highgate & Job (50p) Int	1.0	4.02	25/11	—	9.22
R. Kelvin Watson (10p) Int	0.9	0.83†	2/2	—	—†
Leisure Caravan (10p) Int	1.67	1.28	8/1	—	4.42
Melville, Dundas (25p) Int	1.2	1.13	6/1	—	3.05
Ropner Hldgs (25p) Int	0.8	0.8	22/12	—	1.60
Scottish & M'tle (25p) Fin	1.61	1.46	30/12	2.45	2.3
Stocklake (25p) Fin	1.0	Nil	—	1.0	Nil
Transparent Paper (25p) Int	1.36	1.30	—	—	3.69
Wheway Watson (5p) Int	0.27	0.25	6/1	—	0.53
Yarrow (50p) Sec Int	2.45	2.46*	2/1	3.75	3.51

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. † Adjusted. * Final. ** To reduce disparity. *** Includes Centenary bonus of 2.5p.

Ropner growth checked by shipping reverse

In face of a 15 per cent reverse in pre-tax profits to £836,000 for the first half to September 30, Ropner Holdings, which is spread over shipping, insurance broking and engineering, says full results will be "satisfactory". (Whatever that may mean, the group advanced to £1.5m in the year to March 31 last.)

Shipping profits for the half-year under review tumbled from £542,000 to £146,000 at pre-tax stage, largely because of a loss of earnings from two of its vessels, Stonepool and Bridgepool. Earlier this month Ropner sold the latter for £1.47m cash, and though shipping results are expected to improve in the second half, full profits from that source will still be "well down".

Engineering profits, however, more than doubled to £455,000, while earnings from insurance broking were slightly off. The dividend stays unchanged, but the board hopes to pay the maximum final.

Ropner's associate, Stag Line, suffered a sharper setback after the 1973-74 record—as expected. In the year ended October 31, trading profit fell from £1.23m to £744,000, on turnover down from £2.98m to £2.92m. Earlier this year the group bought two coasters for £910,000 and said these would produce a "satisfactory" return. The dividend is maintained.

Stocklake back to dividends

The delayed annual results of Stocklake Holdings (interests in steel stockholding, swimwear, throwsters and dysters, &c) duly materialized as promised, and showing a resumption of dividends. On turnover of £16.6m against £19.4m, pre-tax profit amounts to £540,000 compared with £139,000 after a debit of £483,000 on disposal of a subsidiary.

At the "net" there is a turnround from a loss of £102,000 to a profit of £193,000. To this is added extraordinary items of £53,000 (debit of £27,000). Per-share earnings, before the items, comes to 4.6p (losses of 2.4p) and, after, 5.9p (losses of 3.1p). The dividend (against a nil payment) is 1.54p gross.

Sime bids agreed 25p for Marryat

In an agreed deal, Sime Darby, whose interests range from plantations to engineering and financial services, is offering some £1.8m for the Marryat Group of engineers, specializing in lifts.

The bid is 25p cash a share, which compares with a market price of 18p before the news. Sime held no shares before this, but is sure of acceptances of about 34 per cent from directors, and family holdings.

Over the whole of last year Marryat's profits shrank from a record £1.05m to £569,000 pre-tax, and a difficult two years was in store for the group.

The board had a basic plan for an expansion overseas, notably in the Middle East.

Cheerful package from Ultra Elec

A record pre-tax profit of £555,000 for the year to April 4 has been followed up by an 89 per cent leap in interim profits to £320,000 at Ultra Electric Holdings. Turnover for the half year was 47 per cent greater at £5.6m.

Moreover, with an order-book up by £2m to £15m, Lord Orr-Ewing, chairman, expects the group to reach a new record profit for the full year. The gross dividend will also be increased.

Ultra has not paid an interim since 1970; with the high cost of administration and postage, the board feel this is not the time to resume.

Brown Shipley easier at net level

Last year Brown Shipley Holdings, merchant banking and insurance broking, was able to show a "marked improvement" in net profits. The board now says that gross earnings have continued to increase in the main operating companies during the half year to September 30, but increased costs have trimmed net profit to slightly below the 1974 level. This trend should continue for the full year. Over the whole of last year profit rose from £1.18m to £1.24m.

Total dividend will be the maximum permitted; the interim meanwhile goes up from 4.47p to 5.39p gross.

Lord Farnham is to succeed to the chair of "Holdings" and Mr Peter Dunn to that of Brown Shipley & Co on December 31, when Mr Ion Garnett-Orme steps down.

Melville Dundas strong

Having pushed its pre-tax profits up from £592,000 to a record £873,500 last year, Melville Dundas & Whitson, building and civil engineering contractors, has started the current year well. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 are up from £390,000 to £503,000 on turnover of £11m, against £8.5m.

The group's volume of activities should be maintained, although the future remains obscure.

The dividend is meanwhile raised from 1.68p to 1.84p gross.

North Sea Assets rocket to £2.8m

A big turnround in the fortunes of North Sea Assets—formed to invest in the North Sea oil boom—is reported. Profits, after tax, soared to £2.84m in the year to September 30, compared with a loss of £164,000. Net assets per ordinary share expanded from £19.83 to £22.67.

Edinburgh-based NSA, unquoted, was launched in 1972 with an initial capital of £20m to provide institutional investors with the opportunity to participate in a company which would invest in firms servicing and supporting oil exploration in the North Sea and elsewhere.

Lord Clydesmuir, chairman, adds that all of the offshore service companies in which NSA is invested can operate in other oil provinces around the world. Over 80 per cent of its present commitments are to companies whose revenues are earned in currencies other than sterling.

Carr's recovers to record £692,000

The interim recovery at Carr's Milling Industries was continued in the second half and pre-tax profits for the year to August 30 are up from £109,000 to a record £692,000. This compares with the 1973 "high" of £488,000. Turnover went up from £11.2m to £12.4m.

Arenson switch to domestic furniture sector

Office furniture manufacturing group A. Arenson has diversified into the domestic furniture market from where it ultimately hopes to get 25 per cent of its total turnover accounting for a somewhat higher share of profits.

It suffered a sharp downturn last year after actually making a second half pre-tax loss at a time when it had embarked on a £1.3m capital expenditure programme.

The company is beginning to meet a revival in orders but looks to the end of this financial year and the beginning of the next for the real pick-up. Meantime the balance-sheet shows that total borrowings rose in the year from £579,000 to £1.33m, while stocks more than doubled to £3.31m.

Newman-Tonks

Signs of improvement are being shown in the incoming order situation, Mr Michael Wright, chairman of Newman-Tonks, architectural and builders' hardware, told the annual meeting. Efforts are concentrated on expanding exports, and it is setting up its own marketing and sales organization in Europe.

Fredk Cooper loss

On turnover decreased from £4.09m to £2.73m for the six months to September 30, pre-tax profit of Frederick Cooper (Holdings), cold rolled steel strip, slid into the red. At the pre-tax the loss is £98,000 against a profit of £258,000. Meantime the interim dividend is slashed from 0.61p to 0.15p gross.

Briefly

DRAYTON CONS TRUST
Group, chaired by Mr Angus Ogilvy, reports net revenue of £1.37m (£1.20m), for year ended September 30. Net asset value a share, 155½p (101p). Final dividend 3.88p (3.32p) brings total to 5.77p (5.31p).

WHEWAY WATSON
In half-year to October 4, turnover rose from £3.39m to £4.98m and pre-tax profit from £322,000 to £431,000. Unlikely, however, that second half's profits will fully match this. Payment, 0.42p gross (0.37p gross).

LEISURE CARAVAN PARKS
In light of profit forecast for year to February 28 next and management figures to date, board has raised interim payment from 1.91p to 2.57p gross. Final to be 4.84p gross (4.83p gross last time) (subject ACT unchanged), which is maximum permitted.

LEIGH INTERESTS
Pre-tax profits £210,000 (£158,000), turnover £5.4m (£3.8m) for first six months to September 30. Dividend 0.42p (0.39p).

LOCAL LOANS UNCHANGED
The weekly borrowing rate for local loans is unchanged at 11½ per cent. Borrowers of £1m are Bradford, East Kilbride, Motherwell, London, Oldham and West Norfolk. Neath has raised £1.5m.

VOLVO PROFIT SLUMP
Volvo's pre-tax profit for first nine months of 1975 fell by 226m kr to 348m kr (£39m) on sales of 9.785m kr (7.638m kr). This included sales from Volvo's 75 per cent owned Dutch subsidiary DAF. Volvo president confident for full year.—Reuter.

COUNTRY GENTLEMEN'S ASSOC
Turnover for six months, £1.01m (£992,000). Pre-tax profit, £219 (£23,000). Full year's profit should be more in line with last year's.

EVANS OF LEEDS
Gross rents receivable for six months to end-September £616,000 (£542,000). Pre-tax profit, £275,000 (£238,000).

MARLING INDUSTRIES
Sales for six months to September 30, £4.3m (£3.9m), and pre-tax profit, £271,000 (£406,000). Dividend, 0.45p (0.44p). Orders should be higher in second half.

ABC TRUST ASSETS UP
Net assets of the Atlanta, Baltimore and Chicago Regional Investment Trust at September 30, 1975, amounted to £1,252,650 (1974: £746,003) equivalent to 45.1p a share (1974: 24.9p).

HIGHGATE & JOB
With turnover down from £3.76m to £2.76m in the half-year to September 30, pre-tax profits dived from £185,000 to £33,000. Second-half profits should exceed first.

SECOND SCOTTISH INV
In his annual statement, chairman reports that in year to October 5 market value of investments rose from £35m to £55.7m and net asset value of ordinary stock units from 52.8p to 89.2p.

LDN & MONTROSE TRUST
"Risks are well spread" and increased 4p dividend rate should be maintained.

CLIFFORD & SNELL
Rectifier Modules Int has a holding of 500,000 shares in company.

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Three year summary of results

Year ended 30th Sept.	Gross Revenue £'000	Ordinary Shares Earned per share	Ordinary Shares Paid per share	Gross Assets (less current liabilities) £'000	Net Asset Value per Ord. share
1973	617	3.18p	3.06p	21,213	203p
1974	722	4.02p	3.65p	10,584	101p
1975	764	4.19p	4.00p	17,484	173p

The twenty largest holdings, detailed in the Report and Accounts, equal 27.97 per cent of the portfolio.

In his statement, the chairman SIR REGINALD WILSON said, that for the current year: "Your directors expect that the dividend on the ordinary shares at the increased rate of 4 pence per share will be maintainable."

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Issues & Loans

Iranian Govt seeking $50m

The Iranian Government agency is expected to be seeking a $50m loan in the Euromarket soon. It is believed that a mandate has been given to Kuhn Loeb and ... to proceed with a six-year loan for the Industrial Credit Bank of Iran, which is part of Ministry of Industry. This is as close to a direct loan to the Iranian Government as yet been seen in the markets, and is likely to command the finest terms currently available to any borrower. So far this year, Iranian institutions have raised some $300m, and it is expected that both the ... and other borrowers will be seeking further loans in the coming months.

Debenhams' rights

Debenham's one-for-four rights issue of 20m ordinary at 55p each to raise about £10.6m was met with an 85 per cent acceptance. The balance has been sold under the terms of the issue for the benefit of ordinary holders to whom the shares were provisionally allotted. Initially, the group will use the money to reduce its short-term borrowings.

SAN MIGUEL CORP

A syndicate of international commercial banks led by the Bank of America NT&SA, Bankers Trust Company and Citicorp International has signed a $100m loan for the Manila-based San Miguel Corp.—AP-Dow Jones.

NORTH VIETNAM

The first syndicated Eurocurrency loan to North Vietnam has been increased to DM100m from DM70m because of strong support from French banks. The loan is being managed by the Soviet-controlled Banque Commerciale pour l'Europe du Nord (Eurobank) in Paris.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	11%
First London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster ..	11%
Rossminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7%, up to £25,000, 7¾%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

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NOTICE OF DIVIDENDS DECLARED ON PREFERENCE SHARES

Declaration of Dividend No. 133 on the 40 per cent Cumulative Preference Shares of R5.00 each.

Dividend No. 133 of One Rand (100) per share in respect of the six months ending 31st December 1975, has been declared payable to the holders of the 40% preference shares registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 19th December 1975, and to persons presenting coupon No. 133 detached from the preference share warrants to bearer. A notice regarding payment of dividends on coupon No. 133 detached from share warrants to bearer, will be published in the press by the London Secretaries of the company on or about 12th December 1975.

Declaration of Dividend No. 1 on the 8 per cent Cumulative Second Preference Shares of R1.00 each.

Dividend No. 1 of 4 cents per share for the period ending 31st December 1975, has been declared payable to the holders of the 8 per cent cumulative second preference shares registered in the books of the company at the close of business on 19th December 1975.

For the purpose of these dividends the preference share transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from 20th December 1975 to 1 January 1976, both days inclusive, and warrants will be posted from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom transfer offices on or about 29th January 1976. Registered shareholders paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on 20th January 1976 of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such shareholders may, however, elect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the company's transfer offices in Johannesburg or the United Kingdom on or before 19th December 1975.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 15 per cent.

The dividends are payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head office and London office of the company and also at the company's transfer offices in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	26	Armitage & Rhodes	27	—	3.0	11.1	7.1
99	94	Deborah Services	99	—	7.5	7.6	5.2
134	90	Henry Sykes	134	—	4.9	3.7	8.9
61	18	Twinlock Ord	26	+1	0.9	3.6	6.4
66	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	54	—	12.0	22.2	—
62	48	Unilock Holdings	62	—	4.5	7.3	11.9

Commodities

COPPER was firm with cash wire bars gaining £5. There was an advance of £3.50 in the three-month position.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £566-66.50 a metric ton; three months, £586-86.50. Sales, 1,925 tons. Cash cathodes, £553-55; three months, £573-74. Sales, 250 tons (all carries). Morning.—Cash wire bars, £564.50-67.00; three months, £586.50-87.00. Settlement, £567. Sales, 6,125 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £555.50-56.00; three months, £574.50-75.00. Settlement, £556. Sales, 1,420 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER was up about 2p in all three LME positions.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 211.60p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 431.2); three months, 217.80p (438.8c); six months, 224.30p (457.6c); one-year, 237.60p (466.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 210.5-10.6p; three months, 216.6-16.7p; seven months, 225.2-25.7p. Sales, 66 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 211.6-11.8p; three months, 217.9-18.01p; seven months, 226.7-27.2p. Settlement, 211.8p. Sales, 89 lots.

TIN: Good United States and European demand, induced by yesterday's lower levels, with influential buying in the ring, probably of a pricing nature, added a rallying trend. Standard cash rose by £22 and the three-month position rose by a similar amount. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,072-74 a metric ton; three months, £3,126-30. Sales, 85 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,072-74; three months, £3,126-30. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,068-70; three months, £3,115-18. Settlement, £3,070. Sales, 295 tons. High grade, cash, £3,068-70; three months, £3,115-18. Settlement, £3,070. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM958 a picul.

LEAD: Firmness in copper prices helped to put over £3 on the cash price of lead while the three-month price went ahead £3.75. Afternoon.—Cash, £162-62.25 a metric ton; three months, £169-69.25. Sales, 725 tons (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, £161.50-62.00; three months, £168.75-69.00. Settlement, £162. Sales, 5,525 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC hardened after yesterday's trading down and cash put on £6.25 while three months put on £6.675.—Afternoon.—Cash, £337.50-38 a metric ton; three months, £350-50.25. Sales, 2,275 tons. Morning.—Cash, £334-35; three months, £346.50-47.00. Settlement, £335. Sales, 6,375 tons (about half carries). All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 80p up at £71.40 ($145.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was steady.—Jan, 34.25-35p per kilo; Feb, 34.75-35.40p; Jan/March, 35.40-35.50p; April/June, 37.10-37.15p; July/Sept, 38.15-38.20p; Oct/Dec, 39.25-39.30p; Jan/March, 40.35-40.40p; April/June, 41.20-41.35p; July/Sept, 41.85-41.95p. Sales, 78 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were slightly steadier.—Spot, 33.00-34.50. Cifs, Jan, 32.40-32.75; Feb, 33.25-33.75.

COFFEE: Robusta futures were easier under long liquidation. Spot was down £6 and January futures dropped £10. Arabicas were steady.

ROBUSTAS.—Nov, £713-715 per metric ton; Jan, £707-708; March, £704-705; May, £705-707; July, £711-712; Sept, £714-715; Nov, £719-720. Sales 1,041 lots including 40 options.

ARABICAS.—Dec, $87-94.50 per 50 kilos; Feb, $87-87.10; April, $87-87.60; June, $87.90-88.00; Aug, $88.50-89.00; Oct, $89-89.50; Dec, $88.50-90.00. Sales: 20 lots.

COCOA drifted fractionally lower.—Dec, £648-48.50 per metric ton; March, £627.50-28.00; May, £614-15; July, £606-07; Sept, £598-60; Dec, £593-94; March, £590-92. Sales: 964 lots. ICO prices: daily 54.82c; 15-day average 56.07c; 22-day average 57.05c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR was quietly steady. The London daily prices were "raws" £152 (£2 down); "whites" £170 (unchanged). Dec, £154-54.20 per long ton; March, £154.60-55; May, £156.25-56.50; Aug, £157.75-58; Oct, £158-58.50; Dec, £158-59.50; March, £157-58. Sales, 2,178 lots. ISA prices 13c; 17-day average 13.63c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Dec, £83-84 per metric ton; Feb, £84.60-84.70; April, £85.50-85.80; June, £86.30-86.20; Aug, £87-87.40; Oct, £88-89. Sales, 96 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were very steady.—Dec, 166-75p per kilo; March, 176-77p; May, 177.5-80.0p; July, 181-86p; Oct, 189.5-90.0p; Dec, 191.5-94.0p; March, 193-98p. Sales, 23 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Nov-Dec, £195 per long ton; "D" grade, Nov-Dec, £188. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Oct-Dec, Rs480 per bale of 400lb; Dundee Daisee, Oct-Dec, Rs430.

GRAIN (The Baltic): WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £101; Feb, £101.80; March, £102.50 direct Tilbury. April-mid-May, £107. May, £100.65; June, £100; July, £100.70 trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Nov, £65.75; Dec, £65.50 east coast. MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Nov, £65.60; Dec, £66; Jan, £67 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: Jan, £68.25; Feb, £68.50; March, £68.75 UK. South African yellow: Jan, £67.25; Feb, £67.50; March, £67.75 UK. All per long ton, cif UK unless stated. BARLEY was unquoted.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady.—Jan, £64.35; March, £66.35; May, £66; Sept, £66. WHEAT was barely steady.—Jan, £64.30; March, £65.95; May, £67.30; Sept, £66.45.

Home Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Gloucester		£60.30	£59.45
Humberside	£62.10	£61.00	£60.10

The United Kingdom monetary coefficients for the week beginning Monday, December 1, based on HGCA calculations, are expected to remain unchanged.

MEAT COMMISSION.—Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Nov 25.—UK: Cattle, £21.72 per live cwt (+0.88); sheep, 37.7p per lb EDCW (—); pigs, £5.02 per SCLW (—0.13). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 7.8 per cent, average price £21.53 (+0.77); Sheep numbers down 12.3 per cent, average price 37.9p (—0.2); Pig numbers up 4.2 per cent, average price £5.02 (—0.14). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 9.2 per cent, average price £22.83 (+0.73); Sheep numbers down 67.0 per cent, average price 35.7p (+0.1); Pig numbers down 8.8 per cent, average price £5.09 (+0.08).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—Home produced an improvement in the trade shows supply and demand equating, with values improving over the previous week. Imported remain inactive due to the higher level of prices in other EEC countries.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed/Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues
White		
Large	3.00 to 3.20	3.05 to 3.30
Standard	2.80 to 2.95	2.85 to 3.00
Medium	2.60 to 2.80	2.70 to 2.80
Small	2.20 to 2.45	2.20 to 2.45
Brown		
Large	3.30 to 3.50	3.30 to 3.60
Standard	3.00 to 3.20	3.00 to 3.20

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

S STRAIGHTS

	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103¼	104¼
Air France 9¼ 1982	101¼	102¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	86	89
ARDB 9¼ 1980	99¼	100¼
Ashland 8 1987	89¼	90¼
Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982	100	101
BFCE 9 1982	101¼	102¼
Broken Hill Prop 9¼ 1981	101	102
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	84	87
Burlington 7¾ 1987	89¼	90¼
Carrier 8 1987	88	89
CECA 8¾ 1982	99	100
Chevron 7 1980	97	98¼
Conoco 7 1980	96	98
Conoco 8 1986	95¼	96¼
Cons Foods 7¾ 1991	86¼	87¼
CSR 9¼ 1980	100	101
Curacao Tokyo 9¼ 1988	91	92
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	102	103
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91¼	92¾
Dana 8 1987	90	91
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	82	85
DSM 9¼ 1980	101	102
EIB 9 1980	101	102
EIB 9¼ 1985	100¾	101¾
Escom 9¼ 1989	90	92
Escom 10¼ 1985	99¼	100¼
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980	95	96
GATX 8¾ 1987	89	90
Gould 9¼ 1985	99	100
Guardian Royal 8 1987	77	80
Gulf and Western 9¼ 1980	101	102
ICI 7¾ 1992	82	85
International Util 8¾ 1982	95¼	96¼
Motorola 8 1987	92¼	93¼
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	84	87
New Zealand 9 1980	101	102
New Zealand 9¼ 1982	101¼	102¼
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102	103
Nippon Steel 9¼ 1980	99¼	100¼
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	89	90
Occidental 10 1981	99	100
Ontario Hydro 9 1980	100¼	101¼
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	89	90
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	102	103
Pennwalt 8 1987	91¼	92¼
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	91	92
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	89	90
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	96	97
Shell 7¾ 1987	92	93
Singer 11 1977	98	100
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103	104
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	101	102
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97¼	98¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	99	100
Statsgoretag 9¼ 1980	100	101
Sybron 8 1987	90	91
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	86	87
Textron 7¾ 1987	85¼	86¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97¼
Union Oil 7 1987	91¼	93¼
Williams & Glyn's 8¾ 1987	78	81
DM BONDS		
CFP 8¼ 1985	99¼	100¼
Denmark 8¾ 1989	100	101
ICI 8¼ 1985	97¼	98¼
Mexico 9 1982	99	100
National Westminster 8 1988	92	93
Sumitomo Metal Inds 8¼ 1982	98¼	99¼
Sun Int Fin 7¼ 1988	91	92
$ CONVERTIBLES	**Bid**	**Offer**
AMP 5 1987	64	66
American Express 4¾ 1987	80	82
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	97	99
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	110	112
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	104	106
Borden 5 1992	94	96
Borden 6¾ 1991	103	105
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	77¼	79¼
Carnation 4 1988	84	86
Chevron 5 1992	98	100
Cummins 6¾ 1986	77	79
Dart 4¾ 1987	82	84
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	119	121
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	80	82
Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985	128	130
Ford 5 1988	77	79
Ford 6 1986	86¼	88¼
Gillette 4¾ 1987	77	79
Gould 5 1987	87	89
General Electric 4¾ 1987	83	85
Gulf and Western 5 1988	84¼	86¼
Harris 5 1987	70	72
Honeywell 6 1986	78	80
ITT 4¾ 1987	68	70
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	112	114
J P Morgan 4¾ 1987	101	103
Nabisco 6¼ 1988	93	95
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	88	90
J C Penney 4¾ 1987	78	80
Revlon 4¾ 1987	99	101
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	43	45
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	94¼	96¼
Squibb 4¾ 1987	87	89
Texaco 4¾ 1988	77	79
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	101	103
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	94	96
Xerox Corp 5 1988	72¼	74¼

DM=Deutschmark issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Mexican agency plans Eurodollar borrowing

Industrial Minera Mexicana, a state agency, plans to borrow $150m over seven years from a banking syndicate led by Bank of America, United California Bank and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.

The loan is expected to carry a margin of 1⅞ per cent above interbank Eurodollar rates. This is higher than the 1¼ per cent seen on most recent Mexican loans, but the seven-year maturity is longer than on other loans and the fees, ranging from ½ to ¾ per cent, are lower.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¾% 1981 (£99½)	19¼
Coventry 13¾% 1980 (£99½)	£100½
Elandsrand Gold 30c (R3)	290
Essex Wtr 9¾% Pf(£)	£11⅞
Keelemere Est 9¾% Cnv (£100)	£120
Islington 13⅝% 1980 (£98¼)	£99
Do 14% 85-88 (£100½)	£47⅛
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£)	£98¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	Closing price
Berry Wiggins (33p)	Jan 7	22 prem-2
Brit Home Strs (285p)	..	75 prem-1
Capper-Neill (32p)	Jan 9	23 prem-1½
Charles D. (10p)	..	9½ prem
Fenner Hldgs (90p)	..	33 prem-2
Harrison Cros (675p)	Jan 7	112½ prem
Ibstock (89p)	Jan 5	35 prem-2
Kwik Save (10p)	Jan 16	122 prem
Nat Bnk Aust (A$1.50)	..	136 prem+15
Pontins (10p)	..	14½ prem
Watson and Philip (38p)	..	50 prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. c £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £80 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar lost ground against most European currencies on the exchanges yesterday.

However, it was helped by New York Governor Hugh Carey's statement that state legislative leaders reached broad understandings about the stalled $200m tax package for New York City, dealers said.

Trading was subdued with lack of speculative activity and the impending New York holiday on Thursday reducing dealings almost to a standstill much of the day.

Sterling dipped 5 points against the dollar, to $2.0375. Its "depreciation rate" slipped to 29.8 per cent, equalling its previous weakest-ever level (compared with 29.7 per cent overnight).

The dollar gained slightly to 2.6020/35 marks from overnight 2.6015/25, following the news of the German October trade surplus, which was lower than most operators expected, dealers said.

Gold rose $1.00 an ounce to close in London at $141.50.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 25	Market rates (close) November 25
New York	$2.0365-0410	$2.0370-0380
Montreal	$2.0610-0650	$2.0620-0630
Amsterdam	5.42¼-48f	5.43-44f
Brussels	79.70-80.10f	79.75-85f
Copenhagen	12.31-35k	12.33¼-33¾k
Frankfurt	5.29-32m	5.30¼-30¾m
Lisbon	54.50-90e	54.60-80e
Madrid	120.80-121.35p	120.90-121.10p
Milan	1,386-92lr	1,388¼-89¼lr
Oslo	11.21-25k	11.22¼-23¼k
Paris	9.00-03¼f	9.01¼-02¼f
Stockholm	8.91-95k	8.93¼-94¼k
Tokyo	615-21y	617-19y
Vienna	37.45-65sch	37.50-70sch
Zurich	5.41-44f	5.41¼-42¼f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971, was 29.8 per cent to 29.8 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	1.18-1.08c prem	2.45-2.35c prem
Montreal	.55-.45c prem	1.20-1.10c prem
Amsterdam	3¾-2¾c prem	9-8c prem
Brussels	45-25c prem	110-90c prem
Copenhagen	9¼-7¼ore prem	20-17ore prem
Frankfurt	4¼-3¼pf prem	10¼-9¼pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-20c disc	75c prem-25c disc
Milan	6-4lr prem	10-8lr prem
Oslo	7-5ore prem	15-13ore prem
Paris	4¼-3¼c prem	10-8c prem
Stockholm	4¼-3¼ore prem	10¼-8¼ore prem
Vienna	35-15gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	5¼-4¼c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9874-77.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5-5½; seven days, 5¼-5¾; one month, 5½-5¾; three months, 6¼-7¼; six months, 7¼-7½.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $141.80 (an ounce); pm, $141.50.

Krugerrand (per coin): $144.50-146.50 (£71-72) (domestic); $143.75-145.75 (£70.50-71.50) (international).

Sovereigns (old), $42.75-43.75 (£21.00-21.50) (new); $42.75-44.75 (£21-22) (international).

DENMARK

Swiss Credit Bank said the Kingdom of Denmark plans to offer for public subscription on December 2 to 5 80m Swiss francs of 15-year bonds.

The issue will carry a 7½ per cent coupon. It will be priced on December 2, Swiss Credit Bank, head of the underwriting syndicate, added.—AP-Dow Jones.

Discount market

Credit conditions proved far tighter yesterday than expected in the discount market, and the Bank of England eventually had to assist the market on an exceptionally large scale. The authorities lent a very large sum overnight to seven or eight houses at the MLR of 11½ per cent—a move described as purely technical—and also bought a large amount of Treasury and corporation bills directly from the houses.

The market faced a larger-than-expected excess of revenue transfers to the Exchequer, in addition to the Treasury bill take-up, a further rise in note circulation, and the settlement of large official sales of gilts made on Monday.

The only identified factor working in the market's favour was the above-target balances brought forward from Monday by the Banks.

Rates started in the region of 11 to 11¼ per cent, but reached 11¾ fairly swiftly. After the Bank of England's programme of help, Closing balances were taken between 11½ and 10½ per cent. The lower rates were only obtained in final stages.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11½%
(Last changed 14/11/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 11¾ Close 11
Week Fixed: 11¼-11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11	2 months	10$^{31}_{32}$
3 months	11	3 months	10$^{31}_{32}$

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) / Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11¼-11	3 months	11¾
3 months	11-10$^{15}_{16}$	4 months	11¾
4 months	11-10¾	6 months	12
6 months	11-10¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11¼-11¼	7 months	11¼-11¼
2 months	11¼-11¼	8 months	11¼-11¼
3 months	11¼-11¼	9 months	11¼-11¼
4 months	11¼-11¼	10 months	11¼-11¼
5 months	11¼-11¼	11 months	11¼-11¼
6 months	11¼-11¼	12 months	11¼-11¼

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11¼-11¼	6 months	11¼-11¼
3 months	11¼-11¼	12 months	11¼-11¼

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11¼-11½	3 months	11¾
7 days	11¼-11¼	6 months	11¾
1 month	11¾	1 year	12¼-12¼

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 11¾-11¼ Close 10¾

1 week	11¼-11¼	6 months	11¾-11¼
1 month	11¼-11¼	9 months	11¼-11¼
3 months	11¼-11¼	12 months	11¼-11¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months	11¾	6 months	11¾

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

BANK HANDLOWY

Bank Handlowy W Warszawie is seeking a $50m five-year Eurocurrency loan, its sixth so far this year. Managed by Loeb Rhoades and Co, the loan will bear interest at 1.5 points above interbank Eurodollar rates. Repayment in instalments starts after two years. Participation fees paid to lending banks will vary between ½ and ¾ per cent, according to the amount lent. Once completed the loan will bring the Polish state bank's total Eurocurrency borrowing so far this year to $435m.

Wall Street

New York, Nov 25.—Prices advanced on the New York Stock Exchange this morning. The Dow Jones industrial average was more than four points ahead while advances led declines by nearly two-to-one.

Yesterday the industrial average overcame a moderate early loss to close at 845.64, up 4.88 points. Volume totalled 13,930,000 shares. Advancing issues led gainers by about 745 to 645.

Analysts said the market appeared to be awaiting the outcome of efforts in Washington and Albany to avert an early-December debt default threatened for New York City. Complications were reported in state legislature work on a new tax package.

The analysts said volume behind the overall gain, as well as breadth, was too small to make it significant. They said some investors appeared to be taking up positions in hopes of a settlement and added that some buying was encouraged by a spreading cut among major banks in their prime rate to 7¼ from 7½ per cent. However, none has followed First National City Bank of New York to 7 per cent.

NY silver 5.20c up

New York, Nov 24.—COMEX SILVER futures closed firm with gains of 3.90c to 5.20c in a reaction to the strong trend in Mid-West grain markets. Sales were estimated at 26,881. Nov, 429.50c; Dec, 429.50c; Jan, 431.90c; March, 438.90c; May, 446.00c; July, 453.10c; Sept, 460.20c; Dec, 470.70c; Jan, 473.10c; March, 481.20c. Handy & Harman, 425.50c (previous 425.50c). Handy & Harman of Canada, Canadian $4.31 ($4.31).

GOLD.—Futures showed slight gains in moderate trading. All comex futures gained $0.20 to $0.50. IMM gains ranged from $0.05 to $0.50. Comex volume was estimated at 1,275. Estimated IMM volume was 2,179. NY COMEX.—Nov, $141.00; Dec, $141.50; Jan, $142.10; Feb, $142.90; April, $144.70; June, $146.60; Aug, $148.60; Oct, $150.60; Dec, $152.60. CHICAGO IMM.—Dec, $141.20-141.30; March, $143.90-143.70; June, $146.70; Sept, $149.90; Dec, $152.90; March, $156.50 nominal.

COPPER.—Very steady; 2,973 estimated sales. Nov, 53.10c; Dec, 53.10c; Jan, 53.70c; March, 53.80c; May, 55.90c; July, 57.00c; Sept, 58.00c; Dec, 59.50c.

SUGAR.—World futures closed 0.01c to 0.06c lower. Turnover was low at 1,913 contracts. Spot 12.90c off 0.03c; Jan, 13.20c nominal; March, 13.19-13.25c; May, 13.24-13.29c; July, 13.30-13.36c; Sept, 13.39c nominal; Oct, 13.42c nominal; March, 13.43-13.44c.

COCOA.—Barely steady; estimated sales were 641. Dec, 54.17c; March, 53.32c; May, 53.70c; July, 52.55c; Sept, 51.55c; Dec, 50.75c; March, 50.10c. Spots: Ghana 70; Bahia 61½.

COFFEE futures closed barely steady at 0.20c to 0.70c lower. Sales were moderate at 458 lots. Dec, 77.65-77.50c; March, 78.65-78.50c; May, 79.40c; July, 80.00c; Sept, 80.50-80.75c.

COTTON.—Closing prices of the nearby active months ranged about 0.80c to 0.95c up. Volume was fairly heavy at 3,000 contracts. Dec, 55.20c; March, 57.55-57.65c; May, 58.70c; July, 59.20-59.50c; Oct, 57.10-57.20c; Dec, 56.60-56.80c; March, 57.10c; May, 57.20c.

WOOL.—Grease wool and Crossbred did not sell. GREASE WOOL.—Spot 158.0c nominal; Dec, 155.0-162.0c; March, 154.0-162.0c; May, 152.0-158.0c; July, 152.0-155.0c; Oct, 149.0-155.0c; Dec, 148.5-155.0c; March, 150.0-156.5c. CROSSBREDS.—Spot 89.0c nominal; Dec, 87.0-92.0c; March, 87.0-92.0c; May, 87.0-92.0c; July, 87.0-90.0c; Oct, 81.0-90.0c; Dec, 80.0-90.0c; March, 80.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soyabean futures rose above the limit of 20c in nearbys and 18½c in more distant months. Meal gained between $5.00 and $7.80 and oil was up 0.25c to 0.59c. SOYABEANS: Jan, 493¼c; March, 503¼-503¼c; May, 511-510c; July, 518c; Aug, 520c; Sept, 533c; Nov, 527-528c; Jan, 536c. SOYABEAN MEAL: Dec, $136.50-137.00; Jan, $138.50-139.00; March, $140.60-141.00c. New: March, $133.50-134.00; May, $138.00-138.50; July, $140.00-143.00; Aug, $142.50-144.00; Sept, $143.00-143.50; Oct, $145.00-147.00. SOYABEAN OIL: Dec, 18.05-18.10c; Jan, 17.90-17.95c; March, 17.95-17.90c; May, 17.95-17.90c; July, 17.95c; Aug, 17.90-18.00c; Sept, 17.85-17.90c; Oct, 17.80c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed strong 19c to 20c higher.—Dec, 357-357c; March, 369¼-369¼c; May, 374c; July, 372c; Sept, 378c. MAIZE closed strong 9¼c to 10c higher.—Dec, 275¼-275¼c; March, 282¼-282¼c; May, 286¼c; July, 288-288¼c; Sept, 280c; Dec, 272c; March 279c. OATS closed strong 4¼c to 5c higher.—Dec, 165¼c; March, 160-160¼c; May, 155c; July, 150¼c.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0385 ($2.0380); three months, $2.0130 ($2.0130); Canadian dollar, 98.81c (98.75c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index rose 5.38 to 292.89. The futures index was 4.14 up at 282.89.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 845.64 (840.76); transportation, 169.53 (170.60); utilities, 82.59 (82.68); 65 stocks, 258.90 (258.27). New York Stock Exchange index, 47.47 (47.38); industrials, 52.66 (52.54); transportation, 32.19 (32.21); utilities, 33.05 (33.01); financial, 44.95 (45.01).

	Nov 24	Nov 21
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Canadian Prices

Abitibi	9¼	9¼
Alcan	21¼	21¼
Algoma Steel	25	25
Bell Telephone	43¼	44
Cominco	33¼	33¼
Cons Bathurst	26¼	26¼
Falconbridge	28¼	29¼
Gulf Oil	26¼	26¼
Hawker Sid Can	6.50	6.50
Hudson Bay Min	17	16¼
Hudson Bay Oil	35	34¼
Imasco	27¼	27¼
Imp Oil	23¼	23¼
Int Pipe	11¼	11¼
Mass.-Fergsn	20¼	19¼
Royal Trust	21 h	21 h
Seagram	28¼	28¼
Steel Co	29¼	28
Walker Hiram	29¼	29¼
WCT	22¼	22¼

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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• Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) Dec 3. (9) Dec 2. (10) Nov 28. (14) Dec 1. (15) Dec 3. (16) Dec 5. (18) Dec 9. (19) Dec 16. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

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An invitation for International bids is called for to design, furnish and build an operating plant of liquid ammonia of a capacity of 1,000 metric tonnes/day at Skikda.

1—PROJECT SCOPE AND OBLIGATIONS

— Engineering studies and furnishing of plans of construction
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— Starting up of plant to production acceptance

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Republic of Senegal

Ministry of Public Works,
Town Planning and Transport
Autonomous Port of Dakar.

NOTICE OF Preliminary Selection

The autonomous Port of Dakar is planning to construct a fishing mole of some 10.5 hectares in the north-eastern zone of the Port of Dakar, together with the reorganisation of existing installations.
The work will comprise five lots :

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Lot No. 2 Filling
The execution of some 800,000 cu. metres of sand backfill (mechanical or hydraulic).

Lot No. 3 The equipping of quays
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Lot No. 4 Extension of the south quay
By 50 metres, structure to be on 7 metre deep pile foundation and demolition of a 250 tonne slipway.

Lot No. 5 Roofing of canal No. 5
Construction of a sand trap and a roof structure of reinforced concrete some 12 metres wide and 190 metres long, pile-mounted.
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Firms wishing to apply for qualification should forward their applications for inclusion in the tender in French and by registered post to Monsieur le Directeur du Port Autonome de Dakar—Boîte postale 3,195—DAKAR—Republic of Senegal, to reach the above address by 12 noon on 31 January, 1976.
To be acceptable applications must be formulated in accordance with the official preliminary selections requirements, copies of which are obtainable either from the Direction du Port Autonome de Dakar—Boîte postale No. 3,195—Dakar—Republic of Senegal, or from the Bureau Central d'Etudes pour les Equipements d'Outre-Mer —L5 Square Maz Hymans—Paris XV.

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No. 34 of 1975
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Chancery Division, Manchester District Registry Group A
In the Matter of MERMAID (BIL-LINGSHURST) LIMITED and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company was on the 14th day of October 1975 presented to the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Manchester District Registry, Group A, by North Derbyshire Plastics Limited whose registered office is situate at The Gables, Nether Padley, Grindleford, in the County of Derby.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Courts of Justice, Crown Square, Manchester, on Thursday, the 18th day of December 1975 at 11.00 o'clock, in the forenoon; and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Solicitor or Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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Note: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 17th day of December 1975.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 003196 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of TITAN PROPERTY GROUP Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 30th day of September 1975 presented to the said Court by National Westminster Bank Limited whose registered office is at 41 Lothbury, London EC2 as custodian trustee of the Post Office Superannuation Fund.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 8th day of December 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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Note.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th day of December 1975.

Re: PUNCHED CARD PROCESSING Ltd : In Voluntary Liquidation : and the Companies Act, 1948
Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday, 2nd January, 1976, to send their names and addresses and particulars of their Debts or Claims to the undersigned, PERCY PHILLIPS, FCCA, FCIS, at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such Debts are proved.
Dated this 18th day of November, 1975
PERCY PHILLIPS.

No. 003096 of 1975
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of WORLDWIDE CONTAINER LEASING Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948
By Order of the High Court of Justice dated the 27th day of October, 1975, RICHARD EAGLESFIELD LLOYD, Chartered Accountant, of 33 Clifford's Inn, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1AH, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company with a COMMITTEE of INSPECTION.
Dated this 19th day of November, 1975.
H. E. FLOYD, Liquidator.

No. 003839 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of BYEMEAD Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 19th day of November 1975 presented to the said Court by City Electrical Factors Limited whose registered office is at 4 Station Road, Kenilworth in the County of Warwick.
And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 15th day of December 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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Re: MONARCH ADVERTISING Limited and The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at The Cinema, The Hanover Grand, 6 Hanover Street, London, W.1., on Monday, the 15th December, 1975 at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 19th day of November, 1975.
RICHARD INGHAM, Director.

Re: BLACK & BISHOP MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS Ltd. and The Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 8AH, on Thursday, the 4th December 1975 at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
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MICHAEL BLACK, Director.

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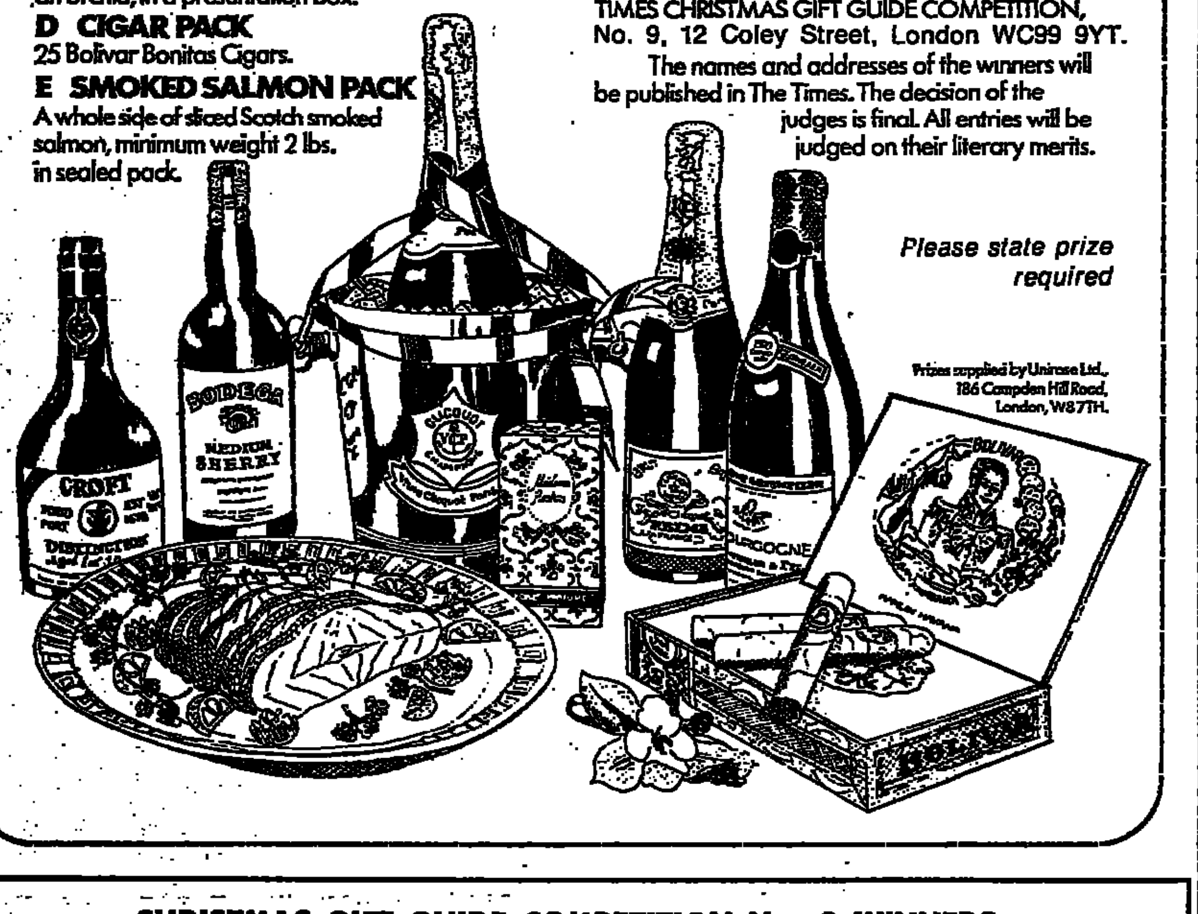
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...onal variations (BBC 1): WALES.—5.15-5.40 pm, ...BW: 6.00-6.50, Wales Today. ...nwide. 6.50-7.10, Heddiw. ...-7.40, Penigamp. 7.40-8.10, ... Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. 11.35, ... for Wales. SCOTLAND.—...-6.50 pm, Reporting Scotland. ...nwide. 11.35, Scottish News ...nary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—...-6.50 pm, Scene Around Six. ...nwide. 11.00-11.30, Spotlight. ...). Northern Ireland News Head-...

BBC 2

10.35 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00-11.25, Play School.
7.05 Trade Union Studies.
7.30 Newsday.
7.50 Vera Lynn Show.
8.35 Arena: Theatre.
9.00 Face the Music.
9.30 Moll Flanders, by Daniel Defoe with Julia Foster, Kenneth Haigh, Ian Ogilvy, part 1: Mother and Daughter.
11.15 Newsnight.
11.30-11.35, Stephen Thorne reads Here Comes Sir George, by Jon Stallworthy.

Thames

10.30-10.45 am, Table Tennis. 12.00, Here Comes Mumfie. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Mr and Mrs. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, About Britain. 3.25, Looks Familiar. 3.35, General Hospital. 4.25, Sooty. 4.50, Boy Dominic. 5.20, Out of Town.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 This is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 Comedy, Milk-O.
8.30 Play: Tully, by Ian Stuart Black, with Anthony Valentine.
10.00 News.
10.30 Search for the Shinohara, documentary.
11.30 Help!
11.35-1.05 am, Film: The Black Torment, with John Turner, Heather Sears, Ann Lynn.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 12.00, Dennis Edde.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, The Odd Couple. 12.05 am, Weather. Guideline.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Take Kerr. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Survival. 7.00, Thames. 11.30-12.30, Boney.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Survival. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, The Big Question.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Bygones. 1.00, News. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Calendar. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 11.30-12.00, Ski-ing with Gina.

Tyne-Tees

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Woman Only. 2.30, Thames. 5.20*, Today. 5.50, News. 6.00*, Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Chess Masterpieces. 11.40*, Epilogue.

Border

12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, Untamed World. 1.00, News. 1.20, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 3.25, Shirley's World. 3.55, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, The Protectors. 12.00, Border News Summary.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Prayers.

HTV

...0, Thames. 1.20 pm, West ...lines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. ... Crown Court. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Orbit 5. ... Crossroads. 5.50, News. ... Report West. 6.15, Report ... 6.30, Three Little Words. ... Thames. 11.30, The Protectors. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU WALES.—As HTV except: ...-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion. ... Y Dydd. 4.25-4.50, Rhifedio. 6.01-6.15, Y Dydd Dan ... 11.15-11.30, Book Review. ... WEST.—As HTV except: ...-1.30 pm, West Headlines. ...-6.30, Report West.

Westward

...0, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward ... Headlines. 1.30, Thames. ... The Partridge Family. 5.50, ... 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ...mes. 11.30, Westward News. ...3, Faith for Life.

Ulster

...0, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster ... Headlines. 1.30, Thames. ... Out of Town. 5.50, News. ... UTV Reports. 6.35, Thames. ...-12.00, UTV Profile.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, Simon Bates.† 4.30, DLT. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, The news Headlines. 7.30, How the West Was Sung.† 8.02, Command Performance.† 9.02, Sing Something Simple.† 9.30, All-Time Hit Parade.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 9.02, Harry Carpenter† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.05, Jean Challis (1,500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Your Midweek Choice: Sullivan, Scharwenka, Mendelssohn.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 2: Rimsky-Korsakov, Shostakovich, Kabalevsky.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Strauss.† 10.00, Organ recital from All Saints' Church, London.† 10.45, Concert: Lutoslawski, Mozart, Ravel.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, Concert Hall: Wolf, Rodrigo, Granados, Dvorak.† 2.00, Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra part 1: Vivaldi, transc. Respighi, Strauss, Gluck.† 2.45, Reading. 2.50, Concert, part 2: Britten.† 3.20, Hindemith and Janacek.† 3.55, Operetta 5: Impressions of Bad Ischl.† 5.00, Choral Evensong from Paisley Abbey. 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Wegweiser. 7.00, Ensemble.

7.30, Bach Cantata No 148.† 8.00, London Mozart Players, part 1: Haydn, Mozart.† 9.00, The Arts Worldwide. 9.20, Concert part 2: Beethoven.† 10.00, New Australian Drama, A Hard God, by Peter Kenna.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, The Year in Question. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Home to Roost. 11.30, Play, Mr Chitty's Clutches. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Top of the Form. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, The House on Highbury Hill. 4.00, News. 4.05, The World of J.K. 4.35, Story, The Return. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Petticoat Line. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, It's Your Line: 01-580 4411. You and the National Health Service: with Secretary of State for Social Affairs. 8.30, Sir John Betjeman. 9.00, Reith Lectures, 1975. America and the World Experience: by Daniel J. Boorstin—The Therapy of Distance. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime. The Little Offleys. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.

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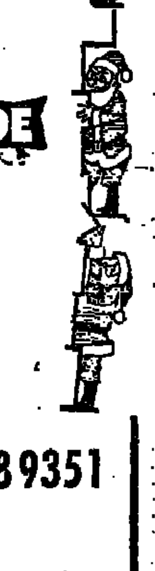
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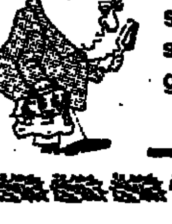
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FOWLER.—On 1st November, prematurely, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Miranda (nee Lebus) and Stuart—a son (Alexander).

LEAR.—On 22nd November, at Queen Charlottes, to Joyce and Bill—a son (Nicholas James).

MACDONALD.—On November 22nd, to Margaret and Donald Macdonald, of Deer Lake, Newfoundland—a son (David Robert Howard).

QUASH.—On November 25th, to Marilyn and John Quash—a daughter (Margaret Ann).

SHEARWOOD. — On November 25th at Lincoln County Hospital, to Muriel and Alec—a daughter (Elizabeth Ann), a sister for Maria, Andrew and Michael.

DEATHS

CHESELDEN, KATHLEEN MARY.—Wife of the late Eric Greene, died suddenly Sunday, 23rd November, 1975, after a life devoted to the music profession and singers in particular. Will be greatly missed by her colleagues at Ibbs and Tillett who will remember her with affection and gratitude. Funeral service 11.30 a.m. Friday, 28th November, at St James's, Sussex Place, W.2.

CLYDE.—On 24th November, 1975, Richard Arthur Harold Clyde at Nightingale Nursing Home, Littlehampton. Most respected and revered maritime arbitrator. Founder Member, former President, Chairman and Honorary Member of the L.M.A.A. At his own request, no letters and no flowers. Funeral private.

DREWITT.—On November 25th, suddenly, at Colworth Manor, Harold Leslie Drewitt, O.B.E., aged 71 years. Dearly loved husband of Hilda and father of John. Funeral Service Monday, December 1st at Oving Church, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Edward White & Son, 3 South Pallant, Chichester. Tel. 82136.

DUFFIELD.—On November 23rd, Marjorie Evelyn, in Ipswich Hospital, beloved mother of Penny. Funeral at Ipswich Crematorium, 11 a.m., Thursday, November 27th.

EASTON.—On 24th November at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Violet Bartram, dearly loved wife of John and mother of Fiona, Marilyn and Nicola. Funeral service at St. Paul's, Howell Hill, Ewell, Surrey, at 2 p.m. on Friday, 28th November.

ELLIS.—On 25th November, peacefully, Conwy Trevor Ellis, of Millfield Shaw, Cobham, Kent, lately of Pinner, Middlesex, a dear father and grandfather. Funeral in Kent, Friday, 28th November (details from Spurgin, Meopham 814332). Family flowers only.

FORBES IRVINE.—On November 24th, 1975, Henry Quentin Forbes Irvine, J.P., DL, 24th Laird of Drum and Shivas, 2nd son of the late Mr and Mrs Alexander Forbes Irvine, of Drum and Shivas, Aberdeenshire. Dear husband of Margaret. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Memorial service in St. Devenick's Episcopal Church, Bieldside, Aberdeen, on Friday, November 28th, at 2.30 p.m.

HARRIS. — On 21st November, 1975, in hospital, Angelika Harris, wife of Alan, of 15 Blenheim Road, London, N.W.8. Funeral private, family flowers only.

HAWKES.—On November 25th, 1975, at 6 College Court, Ashford, Kent, Jessie Louisa, aged 99, widow of W. J. Hawkes, of Woodroughs School, Birmingham. Dear mother of Joyce Allsopp, Peggy Roe and Peter Job Hawkes. Funeral Thursday, November 27th, 3.45, from Ashford Church. No flowers, but donations to Help The Aged welcomed.

HERTZ, MATHILDE, D.Phil.—On November 20, peacefully, aged 84 years, in Cambridge, daughter of Professor Heinrich Hertz, physicist. Sadly missed by her cousins Gerta Calmann (nee Hertz), Porridge House, Pulton, Somerset and Professor and Mrs. C. W. Hertz, 2427 Malonie, Forstweg 6, Germany. Funeral will take place in Hamburg.

HOULDER.—On November 24th peacefully at home. Muriel Carrie, loved wife of the late Lt.-Colonel Alec Guy Houlder and mother of Ronald and Meryl. Funeral private; no letters, please. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 74 Rochester Row, S.W.1, or donations if desired to Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

LOMAS, LAURA, beloved wife of the late Alexander Lomas, mother of Kathleen, Evelyn (Bunty) and Gerald, died peacefully at her home No. 8 Linden Court, Endcliffe Vale Road, Sheffield 10, in the early hours of the morning of the 22nd November in her 84th year. Service followed by interment will be held at Christ Church, Stannington, Sheffield, at 12 o'clock mid-day on Wednesday, the 26th. Flowers may be sent to N. Charlesworth and Son, 767 Stannington Road, Sheffield.

McCARRICK.—On 21st November sadly, Helen Joan McCarrick, dearly loved sister of Ismay McCarrick. Funeral private. No flowers please.—All enquiries to Penney, 88 College Rd., SE21.

MARSHALL.—On November 24th, peacefully at home, 42 Park Town, Oxford, Gladys Mary Marshall (Biddy), widow of Frank, mother of Sylvia, Jim, Roland and Rupert. Funeral at Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxford, on Friday, November 28th, at 1 p.m. No flowers, by request, donations if desired to International Boys' Town Trust, 15 Franklyn Crescent, Peterborough.

MOORE.—On 25th November, at 70 Knowsley Road, Cressington Park, Liverpool, 19, Evelyn Marjorie Moore, aged 95. Service Springwood Crematorium, 11 am Friday, 28th November.

PEARSON.—On 24th November, suddenly, at Colindale Hospital, Constance Margaret, of Clover, Whitefield Road, New Milton, widow of Norman Pearson, dearly loved mother of Judith, Jennifer and Joan. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday, November 28th, at 2.30 p.m. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research or flowers to Donne and Company, 39 Brent Street, N.W.4. "Lands there are to west of west, where night is quiet and sleep is rest".

SAWYER.—On November 21st, 1975, peacefully at Compton House Nursing Home, Lindfield, Nina, aged 91. Beloved sister of the late Doris and much loved patient. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Lindfield, on Thursday, November 27th, at 2 p.m. Donations in lieu of flowers to All Saints' Church, Lindfield (Treasurer, 26 Sunte Close, Haywards Heath).

TURNER.—On November 23rd, 1975, at Whipton Hospital, Exeter, Frank Lawrence, aged 60, of The Old Parsonage, Crewkerne, Somerset, late of the Y.M.C.A., beloved husband of Alice and father of Mary and John. Funeral service at Methodist Church, Crewkerne, at 2.30 p.m., Friday, November 28th. Family flowers only, donations to the Devon and Somerset Kidney Research Appeal, c/o Midland Bank, Crewkerne.

WATTERS.—On November 24th, 1975, suddenly at home, Gladys, aged 85, wife of James Watters. Funeral service at All Saints', Hove, at 11.30 a.m. Thursday, November 27th, followed by cremation at Downs Crematorium, Brighton. No letters, please.

WEEDY.—On November 22nd, peacefully, at his home in Crediton, Devon, John Edward, in his 91st year. One time chairman of Cerebos Ltd. and of Fortnum and Mason Ltd. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please.

WHEELER.—On November 25th, suddenly, Sir Charles ("Mike") Wheeler, K.B.E., aged 70. Dearly beloved husband of Marcelle and devoted father of Ann, Cherry and John. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road, on Friday, 28th November, at 10.30 a.m. A memorial service will be announced later. Donations to cancer research.

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MORRIS.—A memorial service for Clive Morris will be held at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, at 12.30 on Friday, November 28th.

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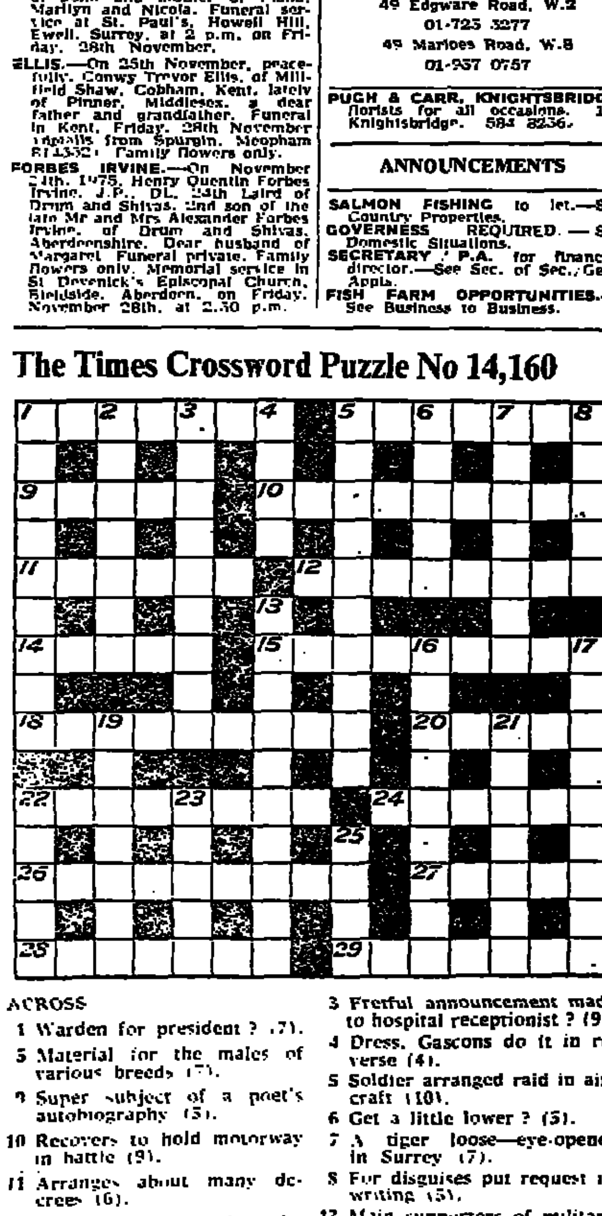
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5 Material for the males of various breeds (7).
9 Super subject of a poet's autobiography (5).
10 Recovers to hold motorway in battle (9).
11 Arranges about many decrees (6).
12 French writer is after the beer-drinking room—wrong way (8).
14 In short, it helps with the tenth payment (5).
15 Apple with meat rare? That's about right (9).
18 Former majority figure (6-3).
20 It held up Reynolds's work, no doubt (5).
22 Value a little quiet commendation? (8).
24 A pastry item's put back in layers (6).
26 Used to play march in A—nothing new (9).
27 Letters written by Terry (5).
28 All these go on moon trip? (7).
29 Escape? Nonsense! (7).

DOWN
1 South African has steaming dram about ten (9).
2 Practical chap alters one arrangement (7).
3 Fretful announcement made to hospital receptionist? (9).
4 Dress, Gascons do it in reverse (4).
5 Soldier arranged raid in aircraft (10).
6 Get a little lower? (5).
7 A tiger loose—eye-opener in Surrey (7).
8 For disguises put request in writing (5).
13 Main supporters of military bands (10).
16 Means to end ill-feeling (9).
17 Weekend with poor Lily, near Irish beauty-spot (9).
19 Dominions seem troubled about rising rent (7).
21 Rules upset vulgar summer visitor (7).
22 Remains down under? (5).
23 Pole writing a poem (5).
25 Criminals go through Scotland (4).

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